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PREFACE

EDITION OF 1936

At the Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., held March 8, 1932, on motion duly made, the Worshipful Master appointed the undersigned as Historian of Lodge No. 43, and directed him to bring the History of the Lodge up to the close of its One Hundred and Fiftieth year.

Having had the honor and pleasure of preparing the history of the preceding twenty-five years of the Lodge, the appointment was appreciated, as it rarely happens the same person is so highly favored, or has such an opportunity.

The work, though arduous and tedious, has nevertheless been pleasant. The effort has been made to give an "informing" account of the doings of this venerable Lodge, whose path has not always been in the sunshine, but in shadows and almost darkness at times.

Many events in the history of the Lodge are of importance, which in a brief way are here narrated, and thereby become available to the members of the Lodge, and at the same time bring before them the trials and difficulties in the early days which, happily, we do not experience.

The reprints of important documents appearing in this volume are exact copies of the originals, and are not only of interest, but also valuable as to the rights of Lodge No. 43.

The writer acknowledges with appreciation the many honors and courtesies he has received from the Lodge during a membership of fifty years, and the opportunities and pleasure it has given him in a wide acquaintance in the Masonic Fraternity in this and other States.

Owing to serious illness during the year 1935, work on the preparation of this History has been unavoidably delayed.

I wish to acknowledge appreciation of helpful assistance from various members of the Lodge, who have given time and valuable advice in compiling this work.

ANDREW H. HERSHEY, P. M.

LANCASTER, PA.,
August, 1936.

PREFACE

EDITION OF 1910

At a meeting of Lodge No. 43, held May 12, 1909, a resolution was offered by Past Master Brother John W. Lansinger, that a committee consisting of the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge be appointed to consider the advisability of celebrating the one hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary of this Lodge in 1910. This committee reported in favor of a celebration to be held "in a modest, yet becoming manner," when the Worshipful Master appointed the Elective Officers and the Past Masters a committee to arrange for the same.

At a meeting of the committee of which the Worshipful Master was chairman, he appointed the undersigned as historian for the anniversary occasion, and also to write the history of the Lodge for the past twenty-five years, adding to the HISTORY OF LODGE NO. 43, F. and A. M., by Past Master Brother GEORGE R. WELCHANS, which was written by him for the one hundredth anniversary, as it had on motion been agreed that the History, brought up to date, should be reprinted, and a copy presented to each member of the Lodge and its guests of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary.

The History, the Biographical Sketches of the Past Masters and the List of Members for the first one hundred years, is the work of Past Master Brother WELCHANS.

The work is completed. Of the humble part that has fallen to my compilation, I ask your forbearance. It gives facts of historic interest to the members of the Lodge which otherwise are of necessity available only to the few. As a whole it gives a very complete record of Lodge No. 43 since its institution, and should prove of historical value and interest to each member.

ANDREW H. HERSHEY.

LANCASTER, PA.,
October, 1910.

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THE greater part of this Introduction was prepared for the 1910 Edition of the History of Lodge No. 43, twenty-five years ago. It is now brought up to date, with some important historical additions relating to Freemasonry in this section, which should prove of interest to the Masons of Lancaster County.

In attempting to bring the History of this Lodge to date, adding to the admirable History of Lodge No. 43, F. and A. M., written fifty years ago, by Past Master Brother George R. Welchans, on the One Hundredth Anniversary of this venerable Lodge, it seems desirable to incorporate the history of Freemasonry in Lancaster County prior to that time so far as known and authenticated. This is made possible partly through the research of the late Past Master Brother Julius F. Sachse, of Lodge No. 91, Librarian of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from the records of Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, recently published, and from other sources.

While Brother Sachse was searching through the Archives of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, he found an old account book, which proved to be a Journal of Benjamin Franklin, and which has inscribed on the fly-leaf "Benj. Franklin, Journal began July 4, 1730," in which he found a number of entries of great value to Masonic students. Brother Sachse prepared a paper on this old Journal, illustrated with facsimile reproductions, which he read before the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, December 27, 1898, and which was printed in its Proceedings for that year.

Under date of August 31, 1734, the following entry appears:

"For 3 Constitutions by John Catherwood Lancr County, 7.6."

Under date of August 15th (after the above entry) is one as follows:

"For 8 by Reynells to Lancaster." (This was omitted from its proper place in posting and is so marked on the margin.)

The charges for these books were made against the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and this fact, taken in connection with the number

of books charged, indicates that the books were sent for the use of a Masonic Lodge.

Bro. Sachse has the following to say in relation to the gentlemen mentioned in connection with the books and the entries referred to:

"The two persons named in connection with the Mason Books sent to Lancaster were both well known residents of Lancaster county. John Catherwood was a bachelor, and lived in Donegal township, where he died July 10, 1742. His property was bequeathed to John and William Davenport, sons of Jonah Davenport.

"Brother Reynells (John Reynolds) was appointed as a Justice for the 'other side of the Susquehanna' by Governor Thomas, August 9, 1739. Many of his descendants, I am informed, are living at the present time.

"The finding of the above trace of Masonry in Lancaster, so soon after the organization of the separate county, is of double interest, as it shows that the light of Freemasonry was disseminated in Pennsylvania, even to the outlying settlements, in the early days of our history."

Another fact bearing upon this subject is found in the following notice in the "*Pennsylvania Gazette, No. 108, December 8, 1730, printed by Benjamin Franklin*":

"*As there are several* Lodges *of* FREE-MASONS *erected in this Province, and People have lately been much amus'd with Conjectures concerning them: we think the following Account of* Free-Masonry *from* London, *will not be unacceptable to our Readers.*"

Bro. Sachse in his "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania," published in 1912, makes the following interesting statement, which substantially proves that if there was not an organized Lodge of Freemasons in Lancaster at that early date, that Brethren met informally as such.

"The sending of these 'Constitutions' to Lancaster County, would seem to indicate the existence of a Masonic Lodge in that inland town at that early date—a presumption undoubtedly reasonable, which is strengthened by the fact that the Senior Grand Warden, Bro. James Hamilton, at that time (1734) was a resident of Lancaster, the county town of which was laid out in 1729 on the property of his father, Andrew Hamilton. In the same year, (1734) Bro. James Hamilton was elected to represent the county in the Province Assembly, and on the following St. John's Day, June 24, 1735, he was chosen Grand Master of Pennsylvania, succeeding Franklin in that office, Bro. James Crapp, Deputy Grand Master, having died during his term of office.

"There can be no doubt that there must have been a number of Brethren in Lancaster County at that early day, even if no regular Lodge was erected there at that time. . . . Who these Brethren in

Lancaster County were, we have thus far failed to trace, with the exception of James Hamilton, John Catherwood, of Donegal Township, and Laurence Reynells (Reynolds), who lived beyond the Susquehanna. The residence of Senior Grand Warden Bro. James Hamilton, in Lancaster at the time under consideration, appears to offer a partial solution to the interesting question of the introduction of Freemasonry into the body of the Province."

The population of Lancaster at that time was about 200, and from that time until 1766 we have no further Masonic history in Lancaster.

The following record appears on the Minutes of Lodge No. 2, under date of July 22, 1766.

"*Transactions:* A petition from Wilton Alkinson [possibly Atkinson] a gent'n of Lancaster and likewise a clandestine mason, was presented to the chair in order to his being admitted a member of the Antient regular and Honourable Craft the same was read and unanimously approved of by the members present that the Petitioner should receive the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, which was afterwards done.

"The reason of our acting in so speedy a manner as to the above was our Brother Alkinson comes here with the intention of Procuring a Warrant from Mr. Allen which he took to be Grand Master of the Ancient Craft of this Provence but finding his mistake he petitioned our body, his intention is to be one of a proper number to hold a Lodge in the town of Lancaster."

The Hon. William Allen was acting as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of "Modern" Masons of Pennsylvania at this time.

Whether Brother Alkinson procured a Warrant to form a Lodge in Lancaster is not known, but there is no doubt about the fact that Lodge No. 9 was instituted in Lancaster about that time, between June 24, 1766, and August 17, 1768.

October 11, 1768, we also find among the visiting brethren of Lodge No. 2, Brother Isaac Soloman, of Lancaster.

Brother Frederick A. Godcharles in his "Freemasonry in Northumberland and Snyder Counties" published in 1911, in the "History of Lodge No. 22, A. Y. M.," says:

"The work of Lodge No. 22 was now actually begun (January, 1780). Among the visitors was Wilton Atkinson, a Past Master of Lodge No. 9, and Quarter-Master of the Twelfth Pennsylvania Regiment, a frequent visitor to the meetings of Lodge No. 22, and has been made a Mason in Lodge No. 9, *Philadelphia*, and also served as Worshipful Master. At the Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 22, held December 11, 1780, he was

elected to membership by unanimous consent. He ceased to be a member May 2, 1787."

Evidently there is some mistake here, as Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia, was not constituted until after July 27, 1780. The probability is that Wilton Atkinson had been a member and possibly Past Master of Lodge No. 9, *Lancaster*, Pa. In the By-Laws of Lodge No. 2, 1758–1788, copy of which is in the Grand Secretary's office, it appears that Wilton Atkinson became a member in that Lodge July, 1766, but is not listed as a Past Master.

The ninth Warrant granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge was for a Lodge to be held in the Town of Lancaster. Little is known of this Lodge, as all the records of the Grand Lodge covering this period were lost or destroyed. The Warrant was undoubtedly granted during the month of August, 1766.

The oldest Minute Book of the Grand Lodge begins in the year 1779, and the "Preface" of that Minute Book says:

"The former Minutes of this Grand Lodge being either mislaid or carried away by some Enemies to the Royal Art, during the Confusions of the present War, it has been found necessary to open new Books of Minutes and proceedings."

On page 12, Vol. I. of the Reprint, in the proceedings of a meeting held December 18, 1779, it is stated that at a former Grand Lodge it was "ordered that a Lodge No. 22, be constituted in the town of Sunbury" and that a Warrant was granted. One of the names mentioned in the Warrant is that of Brother Stephen Chambers, who was afterwards the first Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43. The Minutes state that "our said Brother Chambers now appearing and requesting to be install'd Master of the said Lodge, he was installed accordingly in due and ancient Form, after which Br. Chambers returned to the Grand Lodge the Warrant of No. 9, according to an order formerly made."

On July 27, 1780 (see Vol. I., page 27, Reprint), a petition was presented by eight brethren of Lodge No. 4, praying to be constituted into a New Lodge "and the ballot being put, it was unanimously voted that a Warrant be granted agreeable to the Pray'r of the said Petition, which Warrant is to be numbered Nine—the Warrant of that number formerly granted for the Borough of Lancaster having been call'd in and Surrendered to this Lodge about [seven months] ago, and no application made for renewal of same."

Mention is made afterwards in Vol. I., page 139, Reprint (meeting of December 27, 1789), of "Lodge No. 9, Lancaster," and of the Warrant being "surrendered" in a "List of Warrants issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge held September 5, 1808 (see Vol. II., page 351, Reprint), a committee was appointed to report what lodges had been constituted under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, when they were constituted, when they met, which of the lodges had been vacated or had otherwise become extinct. This committee made a full report to the Grand Lodge on October 16, 1809 (see Vol. II., page 413, Reprint). The following statement is made in regard to Lodge No. 9:

"No. 9, Lancaster. Not known when granted. Surrendered 18th December, 1779."

The only relic of this old Lodge is a Masonic Mark. This came into the possession of David Copeland, an innkeeper in Philadelphia, who was named the Master in the Warrant of the new Lodge No. 9, when it was requested by a number of Brethren in Philadelphia, July 27, 1780. This relic is still in possession of Bro. Copeland's descendants, with a note that it was of Lodge No. 9, of the *Province* of Pennsylvania. An illustration of this old relic is shown facing page 250 in "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania."

The date of the granting of the Warrant for Lodge No. 9 can be determined approximately from the dates of the Warrants granted for lodges organized before and after No. 9 was organized. The Warrant for No. 8 was granted for Philadelphia, June 24, 1766. That for No. 10 was granted for "Baskinridge and its vicinity," New Jersey, but its date is unknown. The Warrant for No. 11 was granted August 17, 1768, for Newtown, Bucks Co., Pa. These dates show that the Warrant for Lodge No. 9, of Lancaster, was granted between June 24, 1766, and August 17, 1768.

The Warrant for Lodge No. 43 was granted April 21, 1785, and the Lodge was constituted September 14, 1785.

The Minutes of the Lodge of the meeting of November, 1785, contain the following statement:

"The Seal presented us by Lodge No. 9 not Answering the Number of this Lodge, 'tis order'd a New One be made for the purpose of which Brother S. Etting is Unanimously Appointed to procure one with such a device as he thinks proper and charge it to the Expense Acco't."

It is possible that the Seal of Lodge No. 9, presented to Lodge No. 43, belonged originally to Lodge No. 9, of Lancaster.

Lodge No. 43 was started two years after the Continental Army was disbanded; and of the seven charter members, four of these had been officers in the Revolutionary War. Its membership December 27, 1935, was five hundred and seventy-nine.

The following sketches of the Charter Members of Lodge No. 43 have been selected from various sources and are believed to be authentic.

Brother Fred. A. Godcharles in his History of Lodge No. 22, Sunbury, Pa., gives the following account of Brother Stephen Chambers, the Warrant Master of Lodge No. 43, as well as that of Lodge No. 22.

"At the outset of the War of the Revolution he entered the service and was appointed First Lieutenant of the Twelfth Regiment of the Continental Line, October 16, 1776, promoted to Captain 1777. He was chosen to the General Assembly from the County of Northumberland, October 2d, 1778, and while in attendance thereof was admitted to the Philadelphia Bar, March 6, 1779.

"He presented his Certificate from Lodge No. 17, Dublin, Ireland, to Royal Arch Lodge No. 3, of Philadelphia, on March 16, 1779, and was admitted a member upon recommendation of the Worshipful Master Brother J. Coates.

"He soon withdrew and became Master of Lodge No. 9 of Lancaster, but very soon thereafter he and other Lancastrians removed to Sunbury, when he withdrew again, this time surrendering the Warrant of No. 9 to become the Warrant Master of Lodge No. 22, Sunbury, from its Constitution December 17, 1779, to St. John the Baptist's Day, 1780, when he again removed back to Lancaster and became the Warrant Master of Lodge No. 43. Brother Chambers thus belonged to five lodges —No. 17 of Ireland, Nos. 3, 9, 22 and 43 of Pennsylvania."

Bro. John Doyle, the first Senior Warden and the Worshipful Master from June, 1787, to the fall of 1788 (when he died in office), was also a Major in the Revolution. From original certificates which at one time were among the Archives of Lodge No. 43, and which have since disappeared, we find that Brother Doyle was a member of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and a member of a Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina, while in the field during the Revolution.

Bro. Henry Stuber, the first Junior Warden (who died while he held the office of Senior Warden), was a prominent physician, and died January 27, 1789.

Bro. Henry Dering, who was the first Senior Deacon and who also served as Treasurer from June, 1788, to June, 1789, was a Burgess of the borough of Lancaster in 1786, Chief Burgess in 1787 and 1788 and a member of the Legislature in 1789. His death occurred on April 6, 1800.

Bro. Adam Hubley was a Lieutenant in the First Pennsylvania Battalion in 1775. In 1776 he was promoted to Major and was Lieutenant Colonel of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment. He was Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment. Bro. George Washington wrote of him "as an attentive, brave and intelligent officer," and "Mad Anthony" Wayne said "if the truest patriotism, bravery and assiduity entitles the gentleman and the soldier to the esteem and confidence of his country, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Adam Hubley has highest claim to it." He was a member of the Legislature and also of the State Senate.

Bro. Solomon Etting was the first Treasurer, and served as Worshipful Master from June, 1790, to June, 1791. He was a prominent merchant.

Bro. William Feltman, the first Secretary, who served from 1785 until October, 1792, and who was again elected Secretary in December, 1795, and served until June, 1796, was an ensign in the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment and was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1777. He also served as Paymaster and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis.

Among the prominent members of Lodge 43, in addition to the charter members who have answered the summons of the Great Architect, may be mentioned: Jacob Slough, Commander of a battalion in the Revolution, Member of the Legislature; Charles Smith, State Senator, President Judge of the Courts; Jeremiah Mosher, Revolutionary soldier, Member of the Legislature; Jacob Carpenter, Member of the Legislature; Matthias Slough, Commander of the Lancaster Battalion in 1776–7, Member of the Legislature; Richard Keys, Member of the Legislature; William Pitt Atlee, Colonel; Jacob Strickler, Member of the Legislature; John Musser, Member of the Legislature; William Hamilton, State Senator; Abraham Witmer, Member of the Legislature; John Lightner, Member of the Legislature; Joseph Lefever, Congressman; Nathaniel Watson, Member of the Legislature; Samuel Humes, Physician, First President of the Lancaster County Medical Society and of the State Medical Society; John Bannister Gibson, Judge of Supreme Court, R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Nathaniel Lightner, Member of the Legislature, Mayor; Molten C. Rogers, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Judge of the Supreme Court for twenty-five years;

John Reynolds, Editor "Lancaster Journal," Member of the Legislature, Father of General John F. Reynolds, Admiral William Reynolds and General James L. Reynolds; Jasper Slaymaker, Member of the Legislature; Henry Shippen, Judge of the Courts; George B. Porter, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, Governor of Michigan; Emanuel Schaeffer, Associate Judge of the Courts; James Buchanan, Fifteenth President of the United States; Henry Eichholtz, Prothonotary of the Supreme Court; Jacob Albright, Mayor of Lancaster; John Matthoit, Mayor of Lancaster for eleven years; Charles A. Heinitsh, President of the American Pharmaceutical Association; William A. Morton, Mayor of Lancaster; William Augustus Atlee, Mayor of Lancaster; Emlen Franklin, Colonel in the War of the Rebellion; David W. Patterson, Judge of the Courts; Simon S. Rathfon, Scientist; Henry A. Hambright, Colonel U. S. A. and Brevet Brigadier General in the War of the Rebellion; Jonathan M. Foltz, Surgeon General, U. S. N., 1831–1873; John M. Stehman, State Senator; James P. Wickersham, Author, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania, Minister to Denmark; George K. Reed, Banker and President of the Board of Trustees, State Normal School, Millersville, Pa.; William D. Stauffer, Mayor of Lancaster; Aaron B. Hassler, Judge of the Courts of Lancaster County; Commodore Reah Frazer, Paymaster U. S. Navy; Robert Clark, Mayor of Lancaster.

Besides the lodges whose histories have been briefly outlined, the following lodges have been organized or have held their meetings in Lancaster county:

Lodge No. 46.—The warrant for this lodge was granted December 27, 1785, for the city of Reading, and was known as Lodge No. 47. On June 7, 1790, the "Master and other Members" petitioned to have the lodge removed to Churchtown, Lancaster county. The Grand Lodge acted favorably on the petition, renewing the warrant; but while the lodge at Reading was dormant, another lodge was numbered 47. About the same time Lodge No. 46, located at Charleston, S. C., joined the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, the lodge at Churchtown was numbered 46. On December 2, 1799, permission to remove the lodge to Ephrata was refused by the Grand Lodge, but it was afterwards granted on June 2, 1800. The warrant for this lodge was vacated for delinquency April 7, 1806, and re-instated September 1, 1806. On October 5, 1812, the lodge was reported to the Grand Lodge for having irregularly removed to New Holland, but the removal was confirmed November 16, 1812. On June 24, 1813, the lodge petitioned the Grand Lodge to sanction their removal to Ephrata again, which petition was granted. On April 4, 1825, it was removed to Lititz. The warrant of this lodge was vacated for delinquency February 6, 1837.

Unity Lodge No. 80 was warranted on June 3, 1799, to be held at the sign of the "United States Arms," in Sadsbury township, Chester county. On September 1, 1800, a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge for permission (which permission was granted) to remove the lodge to the sign of the "Rising Sun," in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, giving as a reason that the place of meeting "is very inconvenient for the chief part of their members." The lodge was afterwards again removed to Sadsbury township, Chester county, and on October 3, 1808, the warrant was vacated for unmasonic conduct.

Philanthropic Lodge, No. 104.—At the meeting of Lodge No. 43, held December, 1804, eleven members of the lodge presented a petition to permit them to withdraw from the lodge, and asking Lodge No. 43 to recommend them to the Grand Lodge for a warrant for a new lodge. The petition was presented to the Grand Lodge on Monday, January 21, 1805, and a warrant was granted for the lodge to be held at the house of Peter Forney, in Leacock township. Samuel Ramsay was named as first Master, and the Grand Lodge minutes say, "being present was installed and recognized as Master of said Lodge, No. 104." The lodge was held in Leacock township for some time, but in 1807, according to the Grand Lodge minutes (see Vol. II., p. 272), it was held in Strasburg township. It was afterwards removed to Leacock township again. At a meeting of the lodge, held September 20, 1822, it was decided to move the lodge to the house of Col. Jacob Ringwalt, in the village of New Holland. Meetings were held in New Holland until December 13, 1826, when it was decided to meet at the "Sign of the Hat," the public house of William Lightner, in Leacock township. The lodge met at this place until June 10, 1829, when it "was unanimously agreed this lodge be moved to the house of Martin Bair, in the village of Strasburg." The lodge was moved at once and the first meeting held in Strasburg was on July 16, 1829. At the meeting held in Strasburg, April 22, 1834, it was agreed that the lodge meet again on May 10, to "take into consideration the removal of the lodge to the house of the Widow Smoker, in Williamstown." February 6, 1837, the warrant of the lodge was vacated for delinquency.

Amicitia Lodge, No. 116.—The warrant for this lodge was granted September 3, 1810, to be held at Elizabethtown. On April 4, 1814, permission was granted to remove the lodge to the borough

of Marietta. The warrant of this lodge was vacated February 6, 1837, for delinquency in dues and for not making returns.

Washington Lodge, No. 156, Quarryville.—At a meeting of Philanthropic Lodge, No. 104, held December 22, 1817, a resolution was passed to recommend certain Brethren as officers of a new lodge "to be established at Chestnut Level," and at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, held February 2, 1818, a warrant was granted to be numbered 156. Bro. George White was named as the first Worshipful Master, but at the meeting of the Grand Lodge held March 2, 1818, a communication was received announcing his death, and Bro. Jacob Moore was named as the first Worshipful Master. The Lodge was constituted May 8, 1818. It was moved to Drumore Centre in 1857, and in 1895 was moved to Quarryville, the first meeting being held at that place on July 5th. It has one hundred and forty-nine members.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 169.—At a meeting of the Grand Lodge held September 6, 1819, a warrant was granted for Eastern Star Lodge, No. 169, to be held in the borough of Columbia. The Lodge was constituted October 30, 1819, and had an existence of about eighteen years, the warrant being vacated for delinquency February 6, 1837.

Columbia Lodge, No. 286, Columbia.—This Lodge was warranted December 5, 1853, and has been in existence ever since. It has been exceedingly prosperous and in 1900 erected a Masonic Hall which is an ornament to the borough and a great credit to the Lodge. The membership is two hundred and ninety-eight.

Ashara Lodge, No. 398, Marietta.—The warrant for Ashara Lodge was granted September 5, 1867, and the Lodge was constituted in January of the following year. The membership is one hundred and forty-six.

Christiana Lodge, No. 417, Christiana.—This Lodge was warranted March 4, 1868, and was known as Colerain Lodge, No. 417, Kirkwood. It was moved to Christiana in 1872, and is still located in that borough. It has two hundred and sixty members.

Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, Lancaster.—The warrant for Lodge No. 476 was granted June 1, 1870. A petition was presented to Lodge No. 43, January 10, 1870, asking the approval of the lodge and a recommendation to the Grand Lodge for a new lodge in

Lancaster. It met with considerable opposition at first from the members of No. 43, and it was not until May 11, 1870, that a favorable recommendation was obtained. As stated above, the warrant was granted June 1, 1870, and the lodge was duly constituted June 23, 1870. On June 23, 1895, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the lodge was celebrated by a special meeting, and a banquet followed, which was participated in by the members of the lodge, Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Past Masters of Lodge No. 43. June 23, 1920, at 2 o'clock p.m., Lamberton Lodge celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of its constitution, with the attendance of officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, its guests and members in the Lodge Room, and at 5:45 in the afternoon left by train for the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, where the banquet was held in the dining room of Grand Lodge Hall, and the festivities of the Anniversary were concluded. Brother Robert M. Bolenius prepared a History of Lamberton Lodge, covering the fifty years of its existence, which was printed and distributed to its members and guests. The lodge has five hundred and forty-two members.

Charles M. Howell Lodge, No. 496, Millersville.—A number of the members of Lodge No. 43 resigned at the meeting of the lodge held March 8, 1871, for the purpose of forming a new lodge at Safe Harbor. On April 12, 1871, their petition was recommended favorably to the Grand Lodge, and a warrant was granted June 7, 1871. On November 17, 1899, the lodge was moved from Safe Harbor to Millersville, where it is now located. It owns its own Lodge Hall. It has one hundred and sixty-eight members.

Casiphia Lodge, No. 551, Mount Joy.—On May 9, 1877, eleven members of Lodge No. 43 withdrew for the purpose of forming a Lodge at Mount Joy. The Lodge recommended their petition favorably to the Grand Lodge and a warrant was granted June 6, 1877. At the present time the Lodge has ninety-six members.

Manheim Lodge, No. 587, Manheim.—Constituted June 24, 1891. Charter members 8, mostly from Casiphia Lodge, No. 551, Mount Joy. The Lodge is prosperous in a rather constricted territory. Its membership December 27, 1935, is one hundred and sixty-four.

Ephrata Lodge, No. 665, Ephrata.—Constituted September 9, 1910. Charter members 27, mostly from Lodge No. 43 and Man-

heim Lodge No. 587, with five scattering. This Lodge has prospered. At its first decade, 1920, it had a membership of 193, and at its twentieth anniversary, 1930, a membership of 303. During the summer of 1933 the Lodge purchased a property, Nos. 29–31 West Main Street, Ephrata—a most desirable location. The building was practically razed to the ground and a new and substantial building erected, with rental quarters in the basement and first floors, the second and third floors with the Lodge Hall proper, lobby, recreation room, etc., being occupied by the Lodge. Its quarters are handsomely furnished, commodiously appointed in all respects, presenting an inviting interior as well as exterior appearance. Its membership December 27, 1935, is two hundred and eighty-six.

Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown.—This Lodge was constituted on September 15, 1915, with 41 Charter members, of which 31 were from Casiphia Lodge, No. 551, and the balance from nine other lodges from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey and Missouri. March 15, 1926, the Lodge adopted the name "Abraham C. Treichler," and is now known as *Abraham C. Treichler Lodge, No. 682.* It is located in the northwestern part of the County, in a rather constricted territory. Its membership December 27, 1935, is one hundred and thirty-six.

NOTE

Pages 35 to 227 are a reprint of the History of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., as written by Past Master Brother George R. Welchans, at the completion of the first One Hundred Years of the existence of the Lodge, with some omissions, corrections, and valuable material discovered since Brother Welchans had written his History, among which is the Agreement between the Borough authorities and Lodge No. 43 in the building of the Lodge Hall in 1798–1800; and the Opinion of Hon. Henry G. Long, President Judge of the Courts of Lancaster County, in the Proceedings of the County of Lancaster in its attempt to recover the Lodge property.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING HISTORY

AT the stated meeting of Lodge No. 43, held May 13th, 1885, the following Committee was appointed for the purpose of taking charge of all matters in connection with the printing and distribution of the History of the Lodge, as prepared by Bro. P. M. George R. Welchans, M.D.

Joshua L. Lyte, W. M.
Charles M. Howell, P. M.
George R. Welchans, P. M.
Joel S. Eaby, P. M.
Hugh S. Gara, Sec.

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R. W. GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

1885

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LETTER FROM THE R. W. GRAND MASTER

OFFICE OF THE R. W. THE GRAND MASTER OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNA., ETC.
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, *November* 17, 1885.

DR. GEORGE R. WELCHANS, *Past Master of Lodge No. 43, F. and A. M., Lancaster, Pa.*

Dear Sir and Brother: I have read with pleasure your very interesting history of Lodge No. 43, during the first century of its existence. It is full of valuable information—not only concerning your own Lodge, but of the Fraternity in Pennsylvania—which is not given in connected form in any other work that I know of; and it bears most evident marks of the care and labor which you have bestowed upon it.

It is with great pleasure that I give hereby my official consent to its publication.

Yours fraternally,

[SEAL]

E. COPPEÉ MITCHELL,
Grand Master.

PREFACE

AT the stated meeting of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., held at their Hall, on Wednesday evening, December 8, 1875, a resolution was offered and unanimously adopted, appointing a committee of five of the oldest Past Masters and members of the Lodge to prepare and have published in pamphlet form a History of Lodge No. 43, they reporting to the Lodge before printing the same.

This committee, after some consideration of the subject, took no further action, and the resolution was not carried into effect.

At the stated meeting of the Lodge held March 14, 1883, the mover of the above resolution again brought the subject to the attention of the Lodge, as the following extract from the Minutes of that date will show:

"Brother P. M. Dr. George R. Welchans stated that in two years the Lodge will be called upon to celebrate its Centennial Anniversary, and spoke of the importance of having the History of the Lodge prepared for that time; he therefore moved that Bro. Secretary Hugh S. Gara be appointed to prepare the History.

"The motion was unanimously agreed to."

At the stated meeting of February 13, 1884, Bro. Secretary Gara informed the Lodge that it was impossible for him to perform this task, and asked to be relieved of the same. Worshipful Master Bro. James B. Strine having, with great reluctance, accepted Bro. Gara's declination, was pleased to appoint the undersigned as his successor.

Realizing the vastness and responsibility of the undertaking, and the difficulties with which it was beset, it was with reluctance and fear that we consented to attempt that which others, better fitted for the task, were unwilling to undertake; and we sincerely trust that the earnest efforts we have made to obtain and record *only facts*, as they developed in the history of the Lodge during the past century, will merit the approval of the Brethren.

In addition to the records and papers of Lodge No. 43, and of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we desire at this place

to acknowledge our indebtedness for information gleaned from the different Histories of Pennsylvania and Lancaster County, and from Harris's Biographical History of Lancaster County. We also gratefully acknowledge obligations to Past Master Charles M. Howell, and Brothers Hugh S. Gara, Christian Gast, and Christian Widmyer, of Lodge No. 43, also to Bro. P. M. Charles E. Meyer, of Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, and to Bro. P. M. J. Henry Brown, of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, formerly of Lodge No. 43 and its oldest living Past Master, for valuable assistance rendered.

The reminiscences of these Brethren, who have been long in the faith, aided, in some instance, by valuable documents in their possession, have been the means of supplying missing links, thus rendering more complete the record of our eventful history.

To our present Worshipful Master, Bro. Joshua L. Lyte, belongs a large share of whatever credit may be due for the acceptable manner in which this work has been arranged in book form.

Our task is ended. The work is yours; and notwithstanding all its faults and shortcomings it will serve to preserve for you, and perpetuate for your posterity, the records of the first century of the existence of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.

GEORGE R. WELCHANS.

LANCASTER, PA.,
December, 1885.

INTRODUCTION

FREEMASONRY was warranted in Pennsylvania on June 5th, 1730, by "His Grace, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, . . . Chief of the illustrious family of Howards, and Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England," who, on that date, deputized Brother Daniel Cox, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Province of New Jersey, as "Provincial Grand Master of the Province of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, in America."

The question of priority in the date of organization of a lodge in this country has long been in dispute. For many years, however, precedence had been generally conceded to St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass., they claiming the date of July 20, 1733, but having no written charter of older date than February 7, 1783 (vide Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for 1870, page 429). On February 27, 1884, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, of Philadelphia, at present R. W. Senior Grand Warden of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, discovered in the Library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, a ledger-account book of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, with a list of its members from June 24, 1731, to June 24, 1738. These are the earliest records in existence of any Lodge in America, and taken with other documentary evidence previously produced, undoubtedly prove that the first charter granted by Provincial Grand Master Daniel Cox, was issued to St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia, and this was the beginning of Masonry in this country.

[The finding of a copy of "The Constitutions of St. John's Lodge by Brother Thomas Carmick, dated 1727, now in the Grand Lodge Library, Philadelphia, proves that St. John's Lodge (Philadelphia) was established several years prior to 1730. We now know that Freemasonry existed in Pennsylvania at least three years before December 3, 1730, which has heretofore been the accepted date.—H.]

It is a fact worthy of note that one of the founders of Masonry in this country was a resident of Lancaster. Bro. Henry Bell, of Lancaster, Pa., in a letter dated November 17, 1754, and written to Bro. Thomas Cadwallader, M.D., of Philadelphia, says: "As you

well know, I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. A party of us used to meet at the Tun Tavern, in Water Street, and sometimes opened a Lodge there. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one; but before receiving it, we heard that Daniel Cox, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted." This letter would indicate that one of the first, if not the first Mason who lived in Lancaster, was Bro. Henry Bell.

The first Masonic Lodge held in Lancaster County, was Perseverance Lodge No. 21, which was warranted October 4, 1779, and was held at Lower Paxton, Lancaster County. Paxton is now in Dauphin County, a county which did not exist until 1785, and the Lodge is now held at Harrisburg.

The earliest traditions of the meeting of Brethren of the Craft, in the Borough of Lancaster, extend back to the year 1778. These meetings were undoubtedly of an informal character, as no records or minutes of a Lodge of Masons in Lancaster can be found prior to 1785.

[Later discoveries disprove the above two paragraphs, as will be seen in Introduction, 1935.—H.]

In the early part of the year 1785, seven Master Masons, then residents of the Borough of Lancaster, viz.: Stephen Chambers, John Doyle, Henry Stuber, Henry Dering, Adam Hubley, Jr., Solomon Etting and William Feltman, determined to organize a Lodge of Masons in the borough. Three of these brethren, Stephen Chambers, Henry Dering and Solomon Etting, were Past Masters. All of them were highly respected and honored citizens, and most of them had been officers of distinction in the Revolutionary Army. Their biographies will be found in the chapter devoted to that purpose.

No minutes of any of their preliminary meetings have been preserved, so that the earliest record of their proceedings is the minute of their application for a charter, in the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, an extract of which we here present:

EXTRA GRAND LODGE,
PHILADELPHIA, April 21, 1785.

Bro. William Tilton, J. G. W., in the chair.

A petition from a number of Brethren from the Borough of Lancaster, praying for a warrant, was taken into consideration.

To the Right Worshipfull the Grand Master and other Brethren of the Grand Lodge Ancient York Masons in Pennsylvania

The Petition of the Subscribers, Ancient York Masons

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners and Brothers being Convinced of the great Advantages derived from a well Regulated Lodge to Society, they have Associated themselves for the Purpose of Establishing a Lodge in the Borough of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster to spread the Influence & Light of Masonry as much as in our Power

That your Petitioners and Brothers met in the said Borough of Lancaster the 13th day of April 1785 and Elected Brother Stephen Chambers Master of our Lodge, Brother John Doyle Senr. Warden & Brother Henry Stuber Junr. Warden

Your Petitioners & Brothers therefore Pray your Right Worshipfull Lodge to Grant them a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Lancaster aforesaid

And they will pray &c

Stephen Chambers } Master

John Doyle } Senr. Wardn.

Henry Stuber } Junr. Wardn.

Henry Dering

Adam Hubley Jr.

Reproduction of the Original Application for the Warrant for Lodge No. 43

On motion, agreed, that the Secretary prepare a warrant No. 43, with the name of Stephen Chambers, Master; John Doyle, Senior Warden, and Henry Stuber, Junior Warden, to be delivered on their paying for the same. The Secretary informed this Lodge that he has received from one of the brethren of the said proposed Lodge, the sum of twenty-eight dollars, which he paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

This resolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge was at once put into execution, and a warrant issued in accordance, bearing date the same as the meeting of the Grand Lodge on which it was adopted, viz.: the 21st day of April, A.D. 1785, and of Masonry 5785, and the following is the true copy.

WILLIAM ADCOCK, *Grand Master.*
ALEX'R RUTHERFORD, *Deputy Grand Master.*
GEORGE ORD, *S. G. W.* WILLIAM TILTON, *J. G. W.*

To all Whom it may Concern:

We, the Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Old Institution, held in the City of Philadelphia for the Province of Pennsylvania, by virtue of a Provincial Grand Warrant from the Grand Lodge of London, Great Britain, whereof then the Right Worshipfull and Right Honorable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Viscount Fenton, Lord Baron of Pitten Weem, etc., in Great Brittain, was Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipfull Mr. William Osbourne, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipfull Mr. William Dickey, Senior Grand Warden, The Right Worshipfull James Gibson, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden, under their hands and seals of their Grand Lodge, constituting and appointing the Right Worshipfull William Ball, Esquire, Grand Master of Masons for the Province of Pennsylvania and the Territories thereunto belonging, The Right Worshipfull Captain Blaithwaite Jones, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipfull Mr. David Hall, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipfull Mr. Hugh Lennox, Junior Grand Warden, authorizing and empowering the said William Ball, Captain Blaithwaite Jones, David Hall and Hugh Lennox and their successors, to grant Dispensation Warrants and Constitutions, for the forming, holding and well governing Lodges within their Jurisdiction, as by the said Warrant, bearing date the twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred sixty and four, and of Masonry five thousand seven hundred sixty and four.

Reference being thereunto had may more fully and at large appear.

Now know ye that we, William Adcock, Esquire, Grand Master; Alexander Rutherford, Deputy Grand Master; George Ord, Senior Grand Warden, and William Tilton, Junior Grand Warden, present and legal successors to the above named Provincial Grand Officers as by the Grand Lodge books reference being to them had may appear, By Virtue of the Power to us granted by the above in part recited

Warrant, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well beloved brethren, Stephen Chambers, Master; John Doyle, Senior Warden, and Henry Stuber, Junior Warden, of a New Lodge Number Forty-three, to be held in the Borough of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, or any where within five miles of the same.

And we do further authorize and empower our said trusty and well beloved Brethren Stephen Chambers, John Doyle and Henry Stuber, to admit and make Free Masons according to the most ancient custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world and not contrarywise.

And we do further empower and appoint the said Stephen Chambers, John Doyle and Henry Stuber and their successors to hear and determine all and singular matters and things relating to the Craft within the jurisdiction of the said Lodge Number Forty-three.

And lastly, we do hereby authorize and empower our said trusty and well beloved Brethren Stephen Chambers, Master, John Doyle, Senior Warden, and Henry Stuber, Junior Warden, to nominate, choose and Install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and Invest them with all their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons; and such successors shall in like manner nominate, choose and install their successors, etc., etc., etc. Such installation to be upon or near every St. John's Day during the continuance of this Lodge for ever.

Provided always that the said above named Brethren and their successors pay due respect to the Right Worshipfull Grand Lodge from whom they have their authority, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Virtue.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, this twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred eighty and five.

{L. S.}

JOSEPH HOWELL, Jur., *Gd. Sec'y.*

GAVIN HAMILTON, *Treas.*

Notwithstanding the Charter of Lodge No. 43 was granted April 21, 1785, no further movement towards organization was made until July following, when Grand Master William Adcock issued the following dispensation:

By virtue of the power in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower our worthy Bro. Solomon Etting (Past Master), to install in due form, our trusty and well belov'd Brethren Stephen Chambers, Master, John Doyle, Senior Warden, and Henry Stuber, Junior Warden, of Lodge No. 43, to be held in the Borough of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, or any where within five miles of the same.

Given under my hand and seal at Philadelphia, the fourteenth day of July, 1785.

Signed, WILL ADCOCK [G. M.].

Attest,
M. JENNINGS, D. G. *Sec'y.*

For some reason, which is nowhere set forth, two months were again permitted to intervene before the next step towards organization was taken. On the night of September 14, 1785, the seven original members assembled at the Public House of Frederick Hubley, which was situated on South Queen Street, near Center Square, and then and there formally constituted Lodge No. 43, F. and A. M., which act of constitution consisted in simply installing the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, as empowered and directed by the Grand Master's dispensation of July 14th.

It was the custom in those days to hold all public and lodge meetings in taverns, as they were the only large buildings, besides churches, and the only buildings provided with the necessary conveniences.

Lodge No. 43, in point of numbers, is the eighth oldest Lodge now working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Those bearing the lower numbers, are Nos. 2, 3, 9, and 19, of Philadelphia, 21, of Harrisburg, 22, of Sunbury, and 25, of Bristol. But in point of years No. 43 is really seventh, as No. 19 was originally an army lodge, whose charter was surrendered, and in January, 1787, a charter was granted to a Philadelphia lodge to be known as No. 19.

HISTORY

OF

LODGE No. 43, F. & A. M.

CHAPTER I

1785–1795

ON the fourteenth day of September, A.D. 1785, A.L. 5785, Stephen Chambers, Henry Dering and Solomon Etting, Past Masters, and John Doyle, Henry Stuber, Adam Hubley, Jr., and William Feltman, Master Masons, all residents of the Borough of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, having determined to organize a Masonic Lodge and having made all of the necessary preliminary arrangements, including the obtaining a charter and the authority to constitute their Lodge, assembled at the Public House of Frederick Hubley, at which place they had made arrangements for holding their meetings, and then and there formally constituted and started upon its checquered and historical career, our venerable and cherished Lodge.

The records of the proceedings of that first meeting of the Lodge, as preserved in our first minute book, we deem of sufficient interest to present in full. They are as follows:

By Virtue of a Dispensation granted by the Right Worshipful William Adcock Esquire, Grand Master—

To Solomon Etting, Past Master.

On the night of the Fourteenth day of September, 1785, at the House of Frederick Hubley.—

Was Enstalled

Stephen Chambers, Master.
John Doyle, Senr Warden,
Henry Stuber, Junr Warden

of Lodge Number 43, in due form.—

The Worshipfull Master then appointed Solomon Etting Treasurer, William Feltman Secretary, Henry Dering Senr Deacon & Adam Hubley Junr Deacon, accordingly.

Entered Apprentices Lodge opened in due form.

Present— Stephen Chambers Mast[r].
John Doyle Sen[r] } Wardens.
Henry Stuber Jun[r] }
Henry Dering Sen[r] } Deacons.
Adam Hubley Jun[r] }
William Feltman Secretary.

After the usual ceremonies the Master appointed Brother Henry Dering & Solomon Etting to investigate matters respecting the Lodge. To prepare the necessarys wanting, & to provide a Tyler, first examining into his character, & make report thereof at the next Stated Lodge night.— Appointed to be on Wednesday the 12th day of October.

Lodge Closed (in harmony) *until then*, unless sooner called, in case of emergency.

It is the universal custom in all organized bodies, as one of their first official acts, to adopt by-laws or rules for their future governance. If any such measure was acted upon at this first meeting, no record has been kept. In fact we find no mention in the minutes of any By-laws being adopted until the meeting of July 12, 1786, where the following extract appears: "The By-laws of this Lodge, being read and approved of and were accordingly signed by each Bro. present." We find, in the front portion of the first minute book, on the pages preceding the minutes of the first meeting, a set of By-laws with the signatures of a number of the Lodge's earliest members appended; and, notwithstanding the fact that they are marked as adopted September 14, 1785, yet from the above quoted minutes of July 12, 1786, and no other By-laws noted earlier, as well as from the character of the By-laws themselves, we are of opinion that they were not all at least adopted at the first meeting of the Lodge, but were probably framed at different times as the necessities of the case required.

We herewith append a copy of these first By-laws as they appear in the book, with the signatures attached:

Bye-Laws of Lodge N. 43, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons held in the Borough of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania. By Virtue of a Warrant to Brother Stephen Chambers, Master, Brother John Doyle Senior Warden, Brother Henry Stuber, Jun[r] Warden and their Successors being duly Congregated, for ever Granted by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons in the City of Philadelphia,

The Right Worshipful, William Adcock Grand Master, Alexander Rutherford Deputy Grand Master, George Ord, Senior Grand Warden,

William Tilton Junior Grand Warden, with the Consent of the Lodge bearing Date the Twenty first day of April, In the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty five And in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Five.

Article 1st. That the regular & Stated Meetings of this Lodge Shall be on the Second Wednesday of every Month, that the Lodge shall be Open'd in half an hour after the time of meeting and the list of the Brethren's Names call'd over by the Secretary, or the Brother that officiates for him.—

2dly. That the Officers of this Lodge shall serve for one whole year Except in case of Misconduct, but if any Brother shall refuse to serve when chosen by a Majority regularly met he shall Pay a Fine of Ten Shillings to the Charity Fund.

3ly. That any Person well Recommended, who desires to have the Degrees of Masonry Confir'd on him in this Lodge shall apply to the Secretary to draw his Petition for which he shall pay the Sum of Three Shillings & Nine pence, which Petition shall remain for One Month in the Lodge before he is Balloted for to give time to the Brethren to enquire into his character and Judge of the Propriety of admitting him, at the expiration of which time he shall be balloted for if requir'd upon which balloting, One Black Ball shall be sufficient to exclude his admission but if the whole be white he shall Pay before his initiation the Sum of Six Pounds to be deposited in the Hands of the Treasurer.—

Any Brother an Ancient Mason of a fair Character Petitioning to become a member of this Lodge on producing a Certificate & found worthy of becoming a Member, on his Admittance shall pay into the Hands of the Treasurer Thirty Shillings for the benefit of the Lodge. And Three Shillings & Nine Pence to the Secretary for enrolment, in both Cases, the Persons so admitted is to pay the expenses of the Night, if it be an Extra Lodge called for that purpose, but not otherwise, and no Degree of Masonry to be conferr'd unless the Initiation Fees are Deposited in the Hands of the Treasurer. In case of not being found worthy the money so deposited to be return'd to the Person who Petitioned.

4th. That no Brother come to the Lodge without Money to Pay the Expenses of the Night, each member paying into the Secretary or any other person appointed Two Shillings & Six pence which the expences of the Lodge in Lodge Hours is not to exceed: And to be collected Just as the Lodge is going to be Closed and if any of the Cash be left unexpended, the Secretary or Person appointed after paying the House shall be accountable for the overpluss and a Minute made of it in the transactions of the night and that Money Dispos'd of as the Officers of the Lodge & a Majority of the Brethren in an Open Stated Lodge shall think fit.

5th. That no Brother be introduc'd as a Visitor in lodge Hours till he is first try'd and aprov'd of, by the report given to the Chair or well known by two or more Members then present to be a Lawful Ancient Mason & not upon such knowledge if two or more Brothers desire a examination & report.

6th. That when the Master or Deputy takes the Chair and calls to Order then the Brethren shall take their Seats also, and on the Third Stroke of the Masters Hammor there shall be a profound silence and whoever breaks it without leave from the Chair shall be publickly repremanded. Neither shall any hold Private Conference in lodge Hours, nor move about from their Seats without leave of the Master or his Deputy.

7th. That but one of the Brethren shall Speak at the same time and but once to the same Affair unless to explain himself or when call'd upon by the Chair.

8th. That every Brother that Speaks shall rise & keep standing adressing himself to the Chair nor shall any presume to Interrupt him under the Penalty of being Publickly repremanded as Aforesaid, the Master may call any Member to order who is not a speaking to the Point or question in debate.

9th. That whoever shall be so rude as to hiss a Brother or at what he shall say or has said or redicule or attempt to redicule him or what he has said (and it shall be so Judg'd of by a majority of the Lodge) shall be Publickly reprimanded & if thought necessary by a Majority of the Lodge Publickly confess his fault & upon neglect or refusal so to do he shall be expell'd the Lodge.

10th. That any Member that is twice call'd to order at any one assembly for the same offense & is oblidg'd to be call'd on a third time for one of the same Nature, then the Master shall order him to depart from the Lodge for that Night & and the next time of meeting shall Pay a fine of One Shilling to the Charity Fund.

11th. That any Brother who shall cause any angry dispute to the disturbance of the Brethren in the Lodge, either open or shut, shall be fined Five Shillings, & upon neglect or refusal to pay, shall be expell'd the Lodge and all the Benefits thereof, it shall however be in the Power of the Master & a Majority of the Lodge to Pardon this Offence upon his Submission & repentance, and restore him to his Place in the Lodge he paying Ten Shillings to the Charity Fund.

12th. That any Brother who shall profanely Curse or Swear shall for the First Offence Pay Six pence, for the Second One Shilling, for the Third One Shilling & Six Pence and for the Fourth excluded the Communication for the Night.

13th. That no Brother shall Sue or go to Law with an other (in ordinary Cases) 'till he first makes his Complaint to the Master who shall lay the same before the Lodge & if the matter can't be there amicably settled than the party complaining shall obtain leave of the Master to bring his Suit to Law. But to prevent the inconveniency that may attend the above Article either for Conscience sake or otherwise, It's Enacted that the above Law shall not be deem'd or constructed to extend further between Brother & Brother, then as to any Quarrell, Difference or in Ordinary Cases and not with regard to Debts or Contracts. But that every Brother in such Cases shall Judge for himself what is right to be done According to the Land Marks in his own Brest.

14th. That any member of this Lodge who shall be at the Entring, Passing or Raising in a Clandestine manner (that is to say without the Authority of a warrant) any Person or Persons, he or they so offending shall be expell'd & Render'd forever unfit for the Communion of this Lodge and incapable of receiving any of the Benefits arising from it.

15th. That, Provided this Lodge be not furnished with a Tyler paid for that Purpose, the youngest member of this Lodge, *if not a Past Master*, shall serve the summons's and Tile untill a Stated Tiler be provided and if any refuse to do this duty he shall Pay a fine of Seven Shillings & Six pence to the Charity fund, and the next youngest to do said duty etc.

16th. That no motion for a New regulation in those Laws or Articles shall be made until it be first handed up to the Master in writing and after it has been perus'd by him he is to hand it to y^{e} Secretary who shall publickly Read it, if the motion be Seconded it shall be immediately committed to the consideration of the whole assembly, that their sentiments may be heard about it. After which the Question shall be put by the Chair for the Brethrens determination.

17th. That any Brother that it shall be prov'd against to have carried out to any Person or Persons, not of this Body, any Part or Parts of the conversation, Act or Actions, Thing or Things, done or said in this Lodge, Open or Clos'd, shall be Dealt with According to the Nature of the Offence either by Fine or otherwise at the discretion of the Lodge, or committee, if it be left to them, as they shall Judge for the good of this Society & the honour to the Craft.

18th. That those our By-Laws shall be read to every Brother made here or enter'd amongst us, the first Night of their being so made or enter'd, who shall sign the same, and must always lay open for the perusal of the Brethren the better to be made acquainted therewith being of such meterial consequence to every well dispos'd Brother.

19th. That all or any Extraordinary Expences that shall now or hereafter be wanted as Payment for House Rent, Fire wood, Candles & all Utensials for the use of this Lodge shall be paid out of the publick Fund.

20th. That the Committee of this Lodge shall be & consist of the Master, Deputy Master, pass'd Master, Sen^{r} and Jun^{r} Wardens, Treasurer & Secretary, which when regularly met either by appointment or Summond by order of the Master any Five of them shall be a Quoram, and shall do the business for which they are so met provided, the Master, Deputy or pass'd Master preside to the Chair in whom the Issuing the charity & setling all Affairs Refer'd to them by the Lodge according to those Laws & Articles for Charity, & the Regulating this Lodge together with the known usages & Customs of the Antient Craft shall be that to which they shall conform and Confine themselves but if any Debate shall happen to arise the Majority of Votes then present shall determin. Always allowing the Chair Two Votes if occasion require.

21st. That it shall be the business of the Committee to see that all collections, Contributions, Fines, & other charitable Sums of Money of what kind or nature soever that shall be at any time Brought into this Lodge shall be deposited in the Box, & shall not be disburs'd on any

Account whatever without an order from the Master or Him that presides, or the Secretary by their Order.

22d. That neither the Master Secretary or any other Person shall give or sign any Order on the Treasurer for any Sum of Money until the same be first approv'd of by a majority of the Committee then present and it shall be enter'd in the transaction Book together with the Names of the Person or Persons to whom the same is to be given.

23d. That no Anonymous letter of Petition or Recommendation by or from any Person on any Account whatsoever be Introduced or read to this Committee, and that any Person who shall petition this Lodge or Committee for Charity shall be well known to be at least One whole year a Contributing Member to the Fund, or a Traveling Brother who is known to be in Real want & well recommended.

24th. That no petition shall be receiv'd or read to or by this Committee but what shall be sign'd with the Names of at least three of the Members of the Lodge and the Merits of the Petitioner well vouch'd by them or some worthy Brethren who shall have Personal Knowledge thereof, & no Person shall prefer or bring in any Petition to this Committee but one of the members that signs it, the Petitioner attending in Person except in case of Sickness Lameness or Imprisonment.

25th. That it shall be the Inherant power of this Committee to dispose of the Fund for Charitable Uses & no other (except such Cases as mentioned in Article's 18th & 19th) and that only to such Person or Persons who shall appear by their Petition & Voucher to be in real want of Charitable & Brotherly Assistance & not exceeding the sum of Forty Shillings at any one time, or otherwise to supply them with weekly support as they shall Judge most necessary.

26th. That no Brother who has receiv'd Assistance from this Lodge or Committee of Charity shall Petition a Second time unless some New & well attested Allagation appear, no any Brother who has been made in a Clandestine way, nor any assisting at such Irregular making shall be Intitled to receive any assistance therefrom.

27th. That it shall be the Indispensible right of this Lodge to Order the Committee to meet when they shall Judge it necessary, who shall then have it in their power to Ajourn themselves from time to time as the Business may require at any time between the Monthly meeting of the Lodge. Where all the proceedings of the Committee shall be read in order to inform the Lodge of the Charity Extended, and to receive their Concurance in any matter that may be Refered to them.

28th. That the Committee shall be Allow'd One & Six Pense pr. man at every Meeting on the Business of the Lodge Between its regular Meetings & no more to be paid out of the common Stock.

29th. That this Lodge in Case a Brother's Death being a member of this Lodge at least one year, We Shall take Care of the Children of the deceased Brother & provide for them If they are Objects, as far as the Circumstances of the Lodge will Admit in Order to School them & put them to Trades so as they may become Usefull to Society as their Fathers had been.

30th. That if the Widow of a Deceas'd Brother being a Member of this Lodge for at least one Year shall be left in Distress'd Circumstances she shall be Intitled to the Benefits in the same way & manner as the Deceas'd did in his life time, & shall be reliev'd at the Discretion of the Committee of Charity on proper Application, &c. &c. &c.

31st. The Committee of this Lodge Mett according to appointment to Consider of the Business refer'd to them on the Quarterly Meetings and after mature Consideration, Agreed that in as much as the Brethern has been at Considerable Expences from time to time in providing for & bearing the necessary Expences of the Lodge, It's therefore thought Reasonable & it is Accordingly Agreed upon.

That all Money arising to this Body for Entering, passing, & Raising in this Lodge, and also for the Initiating of Members not made here & Likewise all those Fines that shall become due from the Brethren not appearing according to their Summon's on Stated Lodge Nights &c. Shall be for the providing all Necessaries & Paying all such Expences as the Brethren & the Officers of the Lodge, When properly Summon'd on Stated Nights shall agree for the care of the Brethren and the Honour of the Craft, untill such time as we are thoroly Furnish'd with proper Meterials for Carrying on our Work in a Prosperous Manner.

32d. All Clandestine Masons who shall apply to be admitted, Members of this Lodge, shall make the applications in the same manner as all other Persons who Pray to become Brothers & shall be treated in all other respects in the same way & shall Pay Six Pounds to the Charity Fund.

33d. Whereas, by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge for the Province of Pennsylvania it is enacted in By-Law No. 2, that every member of a regular constituted Lodge under the Provincial Grant Warrant shall Pay Quarterly & every Quarter One Shilling to the Charity Fund of the said Lodge: But the members of the said Grand Lodge have been graciously Pleased to abate one-half of the said Sum & to demand no more than Six Pence p^{r} Quarter. And Whereas in By-Law No. 16 of this Lodge it is enacted "That each Member of this Lodge shall Pay One Shilling p^{r} Month to the Charity Fund over & above the expense of the Stated Lodge Nights." And Whereas several of the Brethren of this Lodge are now in arrear in the Payments above mentioned But a sufficient Remedy to redress these Grievances is much wanted, By reason whereof the Charity Fund is without the support necessary for so noble and Praise-worthy an Institution. Therefore to remedy the Inconveniences above mention'd and to prevent their Continuance in time to come, It is hereby Unanimously Agreed & Consented to that every member who is or hereafter shall be in Arrear in the Payment above mentioned & so shall continue for the Space of Six Stated Lodge Nights shall (upon notice either written or verbal given him of his so being in arrear & requesting his Payment & attendance at the Lodge Room on the 4th, 5th, & 6th, Nights successively) be excluded the benefit of this Lodge & all advantages arising therefrom unless payment as aforesaid be made & Grace be granted within two Stated Lodge Nights thereafter by a Majority of the members then to be present. Provided that this By-Law shall not be strain'd construed or

meant to extend to those who shall dwell at or above the distance of Fifty miles from the Borough of Lancaster, or to those who shall be regularly initiated in any other regular constituted Body of Antient Masons (and that be duly made appear for which purpose the Examination of the Member so absent or Initiated taking according to the Rules of Masons in such Cases shall be sufficient) or to those who shall have taken regular discharges from this Body.

34th. Whereas, Inconveniences have arisen by reason of the Absence of Some of the Members, who hold Offices in this Lodge, no other members being compellable to serve in the Stead & perform the Duties requir'd from such absent Officers. For Remedy whereof, and for the better ordering & regulating this Lodge, it is unanimously agreed concluded & consented to, that in Case of the Absence of any Member or Members who hold Office in this Lodge, the Master or in his absence his Deputy, or other members, who shall lawfully preside in the Chair for the Night, shall & is hereby impowered to nominate & appoint any Member or Members present to serve in his place & perform the Duties of such Officer, for the night. And if any Member or Members so nominated & appointed as aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to take upon him or themselves such Trust & perform the Duties requir'd of him or them as aforesaid, every such Member refusing shall forfeit & Pay to the Treasurer the Sum of Two Shillings and Six pence, to be applied to & added to the Common Stock of this Lodge & the Master, or in his absence his Deputy, or other Member who shall preside in the Chair shall appoint some other member in the Place and Stead aforesaid.

35th. And that the Monthly dues from each Brother to this Lodge be One Quarter of a Dollar, to be paid duly into the Charity fund &c. Together with Two Shillings & Six pence his share of the Expences whether present or Absent.

Agreed upon unanimously at a Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster the 14th day of September A.M. 5785.

In these original by-laws of the Lodge, we have followed the orthography, punctuation and capitalization just as they occur in the manuscript copied in the first minute book. Aside from the peculiarities in the use of capital letters and the orthography, some of the old rules are very curious.

It will be observed that the latter portion of these By-Laws, especially from No. 31, imply that the Lodge had been in existence some time.* Certain it is, however, that these were the first By-Laws adopted by the Lodge. It is also worthy of note that the first meeting of the Lodge was held on the second Wednesday

* As we see in the Introduction to the History of Lodge No. 43, prepared for this edition, that a Lodge of Freemasons existed in Lancaster as early as 1768, the Warrant of which was surrendered in 1779, it is probable that the By-Laws of that extinct Lodge were adopted and amended for the use of Lodge No. 43.—H.

of the month, the first By-Laws established the second Wednesday of the month as the stated time of meeting, and during the one hundred years of the existence of the Lodge, the stated meetings always have been, and still are held on the second Wednesday of the month.

The list of names appended to the by-laws is as follows:

Stephen Chambers,
John Doyle,
Henry Stuber,
Wm. Feltman,
Henry Dering,
Ad^m. Hubley, J^r,
Solomon Etting,
Fred Hubley,
Jacob Slough,
Fredrick Man,
Michael App,
Alex^d Scott,
Rich^d Gray,
Jas. Campbell,
Peter Getz,
Charles Smith,
J. Moore,
Blackall William Ball,
Matt^s Barton,
James Burd,
Ja^s Boyd,
Wilder Bevins,
Jam^s Gamble,
Rud Kelker, Jun^r,
Sam Shower.

At the second meeting of the Lodge, held October 12, 1785, the employment of the first Tyler is reported in the following language: "Brothers Dering & Etting reported their examination of James Bird. Wherein he appears to be duly qualify'd an Ancient York Master Mason and a proper Person as Tyler of this Lodge & that they agree to pay him Five Shillings p^r night when in execution of his duty (out of the moneys arising from the Benefit of the Lodge.) He to attend at the Secretary's House one day before each Stated night to receive they Summonses, & serve them in time, (that is to say giving each Brother timely Notice.) Whereupon the Lodge have Unanimously agreed to receive him as their Tyler." He continued to act as Tyler until March, 1794, but did not become a member of the Lodge until December 14, 1791.

The young Lodge was, at its very birth, met with the smiles of encouragement from her sister Lodges. One of these smiles came from Lodge No. 9, of Philadelphia, in the form of a Lodge Seal. This seal was doubtless a superfluous piece of lodge property, probably a little worn, and for which Lodge No. 9 had no further use; still it was a seal, and no doubt would answer many purposes; but our brethren seemed just a little particular about these things, for the minute of November 9th reads: "The seal presented us by Lodge No. 9, not answering the *number* of this lodge 'tis ordered a new one be made for the purpose."

The first petition for initiation and membership in the Lodge, was that of Frederick Hubley, who kept the house in which the lodge held its first meetings. His petition was presented December 14, 1785, and he was approved and initiated January 12, 1786. So that Bro. Frederick Hubley was the first Mason made in Lodge No. 43. During the year 1786 there were in all eight approved and initiated in the lodge, making the membership fifteen. The outfit of the lodge was simplicity itself, and very little money was expended for furniture, that used being the ordinary furniture of the house.

At the Quarterly Grand Communication, held March 27, 1786, the Grand Lodge expressed its wish to become an independent body, and on motion it was ordered "that a circular letter be written to the several lodges under this jurisdiction generally, informing them that it is the wish of the Grand Lodge to establish themselves as a Grand Lodge, independent of Great Britain or any other authority, and that it is intended to take up the matter at the Quarterly Communication in September next, and requesting their attendance at that time either by their proper officers or by deputation in writing, authorizing some Master Mason or Masons to represent the Lodge." A circular letter setting forth the above facts and signed by Bro. Ashton Humphries, Grand Secretary, was received and read at the stated meeting of Lodge No. 43, held September 13th, whereupon the Lodge unanimously agreed that Bro. Adam Hubley, Jr., should be appointed their Representative for the purpose aforesaid, with full power to do every act and thing in the same manner as if the Master and Wardens of the Lodge were personally present.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge was held September 25th, and Bro. Hubley failed to be present; so that at this important Grand Communication, Lodge No. 43 was not represented. At this meeting the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

> *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is, and ought to be, a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority whatever, and that they are not under any ties to any other Grand Lodge except those of brotherly love and affection, which they will always be happy to cultivate and preserve with all Lodges throughout the globe.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge also state, "this Lodge, acting by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, was closed for ever."

On the following day, September 26th, at a grand convention of thirteen different Lodges, and with the concurrence of other Lodges signified by letter, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, lately held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, will, and do now, form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, till the usual time of the next election; and that the Grand Lodge and the particular Lodges govern themselves by the rules and regulations heretofore established, till other rules and regulations be adopted.

A committee was appointed to form a warrant to be granted to the several lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and to write a letter to the Grand Lodge of England, taking formal leave of them. At a meeting of the Grand Lodge held October 16th, this committee made report and submitted a form of warrant which was adopted and ordered to be prepared and furnished the several Lodges under their jurisdiction, free of any expense, upon surrendering their old warrants.

The new warrant for Lodge No. 43 was not prepared until the following July, and was presented at the stated meeting of August 8, 1787, at which time the following minute was made:

Brother Charles Smith produced a New Warrant from y^{e} Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dated July 14, 1787, A.M. 5787, reciting the original warrant of No. 43, to Stephen Chambers Master, John Doyle Sen^{r} Ward^{n} & Henry Stuber Jun^{r} Ward^{n}, by which said New Warrant all the rights & privileges appertaining to Masons & Masonry were confirm'd unto B^{r} John Doyle Master, Henry Stuber Sen^{r} Ward^{n} & Charles Smith Jun^{r} Ward^{n} & the members & Brethren of No. 43 & their successors forever, under the New Independent Constitution lately established by the Grand Masonic Convention on the Twenty-fifth Day of September A.D. 1787, A.M. 5787, at Philadelphia.

Whereupon the said Warrant was read and accepted, and the old warrant was delivered to Bro^{r} Charles Smith in order to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, to be lodg'd among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

The old warrant was sent to the Grand Secretary, at Philadelphia, by Bro. Charles Smith, and was placed among the Archives of the Grand Lodge, but it is no longer in existence. It was probably destroyed with many other valuable documents and books, at the burning of the Chestnut Street Masonic Temple, in 1819.

The following is a correct copy of the warrant of 1787, still in our possession and under which we work:

Stated Lodge Night

Lancaster Wednesday the 13th. September 1786.

A letter being presented from Brother Sheldon Thompson Grand Secretary dated Philadelphia August the 21st 1786. directed to the Master & Wardens of Lodge No. 43. Importing that the Fourth Monday in September then next the Grand Lodge intended to consider & determine upon the Question of Establishing said Lodge Independant of Grand Master. or any other Authority & requesting our Attendance at that Time, either by our proper Officers, or by a Deputation impowering Authorizing some Master Mason or Masons to represent our Lodge in the aforesaid Grand Lodge upon the determination of that matter. Whereupon the Lodge unanimously appointed Brother Adam Hubley Esquire their Representative for the purpose aforesaid with full power to do every Act and thing in the same manner as if the Master & Wardens of our Lodge were personally

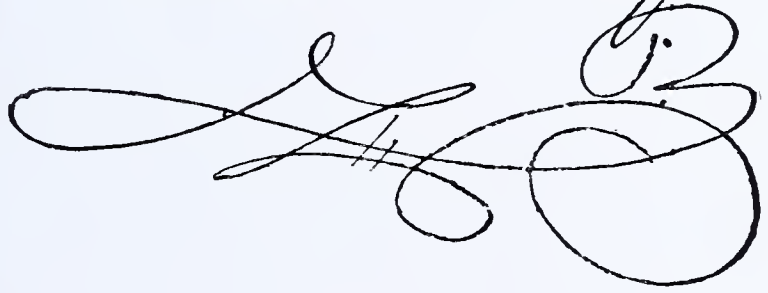
REDUCED REPRODUCTION OF ANSWER TO THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE PROVINCIAL GRAND

Unanimously Resolved. It was mov'd. & Seconded
that the Secretary make out a list of the
Names of the Brethren of this Lodge dis=
=tinguishing such Brethren as have been
Initiated in this Lodge. Together with an
Account of the Sum due by this Lodge to
the Grand Lodge. And that the Master
draw an Order on the Treasurer for the
Amount. to discharge the same. And the
Question being put thereon, it was Unani=
=mously carried in the Affirmative. —

— A True Copy from
the Minutes.

William Secretary.





Rec'd Sept. 1786
Privy Lodge Brit 3

LODGE REGARDING THE FORMING OF A GRAND LODGE INDEPENDENT OF GREAT BRITAIN

WILLM ADCOCK, *Grand Master.*
J. B. SMITH, *D. Grand Master.*
JOS. DEAN, S. G. W. GEORGE ORD, J. G. W.

To all whom it may Concern.

{ SEAL. } *The Grand Lodge* of the most ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free and accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions, revived by his Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, in the Kingdom of England, in the year of the Christian Æra Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the year of Masonry Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six) in ample Form assembled at Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of England did by a Grand Warrant under the Hands of the Right Honorable Thomas Erskine, Earl Kelly, Viscount Fenton, Lord Baron of Pitten Weem, &c., in Great Britain, Grand Master of Masons, the Right Worshipful William Osborne, Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Mr. William Dickey, Senior Grand Warden, the Right Worshipful James Gibson, Esq., Junior Grand Warden, and the seal of the said Grand Lodge, bearing Date June 20th, 1764, A.M. 5764, nominate, constitute, and appoint the Right Worshipful William Ball to be Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Captain Blaithwait Jones, Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Mr. David Hall, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Mr. Hugh Lenox, Junior Grand Warden, of a Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held at Philadelphia for the Province of Pennsylvania; granting to them and their Successors in Office duly elected and lawfully installed, with the Consent of the Members of the said Grand Lodge, full Power and Authority to grant Warrants and Dispensations for holding Lodges, to regulate all Matters appertaining to Masonry, to do and perform all and every other Act and Thing which could be usually done and performed by other Provincial Grand Lodges, as by the said above in Part recited Grand Warrant, Reference being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear.

AND WHEREAS the Right Worshipful William Adcock, Esq., Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Mr. Alexander Rutherford, Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, the Right Worshipful Mr. Joseph Dean, Junior Grand Warden, legal successors of the above-named Grand Officers, as by the Grand Lodge Books may appear, together with the Officers and Representatives of a Number of regular Lodges under their Jurisdiction, duly appointed and specially authorized, as also by and with the Advice and Consent of several other Lodges by their Letters expressed did, at a Grand Quarterly Communication, held in the Grand Lodge Room in the City of Philadelphia, on the Twenty-fifth Day of September, A.C. One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Six, after mature and serious Deliberations, unanimously resolve, "That it is improper the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should remain any longer under the Authority of any foreign Grand Lodge." And the said Grand Lodge did thereupon close Sine Die.

And Whereas all the Grand Officers of the said late Provincial Grand Lodge, together with the Officers and Representatives of a Number of Lodges of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, did on the said Twenty-fifth day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Six, meet in the Room of the late Provincial Grand Lodge, and according to the Powers and Authorities to them intrusted, did form themselves into a Grand Convention of Masons to deliberate on the proper Methods of forming a Grand Lodge totally independent from all foreign jurisdiction.

And Whereas the said Grand Convention did then and there

Unanimously Resolve, That the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania aforesaid, lately held as a provincial Grand Lodge under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, should and they then did form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging to be held in the said City of Philadelphia as by the Records and Proceedings of the said Convention remaining among the Archives of the Grand Lodge aforesaid may more fully appear.

And Whereas by a warrant bearing date the twenty first day of April, A.C. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five and of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, under the Hands of William Adcock, Grand Master, Alexander Rutherford Deputy Grand Master, George Ord Senior Warden, and William Tilton Junior Warden, and the seal of the late Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the following Brethern, to wit, The Worshipful Stephen Chambers Master, John Doyle Senior Warden, Henry Stuber Junior Warden, with their lawful Assistants, were authorized and appointed to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Borough of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania—Number Forty-three. And in the said Lodge when duly congregated to admit, enter, and make Masons, according to the ancient and honorable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And also with the farther Right, Privilege and Authority to nominate, chuse and instal their successors, and them to invest with the like Power, Authority, and Dignity to nominate, chuse, and instal their successors, and them to invest with the like Power, Authority, and Dignity to nominate, chuse and instal their Successors for ever as by the said Warrant, Reference being thereunto had, may appear.

And Whereas the said Warrant hath both surrendered up to US the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, by the present Officers and Brethern of the said Lodge No. 43 praying that the same may be renewed under the authority of this Grand Lodge, Now Know Ye, That *we* The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, by Virtue of the Power and Authorities vested in US by the said Grand Convention DO hereby renew and confirm to our trusty and well beloved Brethern John Doyle, Master, Henry Stuber, Senior Warden, and Charles Smith, Junior Warden, and the other regular and lawful Members of the said Lodge No. 43 of Ancient York Masons, and to their true and lawful Successors for ever, all the Masonic Rights, Privileges, Authority, Jurisdiction and

Pre-eminence, which by their said Original Warrant herein before mentioned and in Part recited, they are or may be in any Manner or Way entitled to hold and enjoy. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the above-named Brethern and Members of the said Lodge, and their successors, continue, at all Times, to pay due Respect and Obedience to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, agreeably to the Rules and Ordinances lawfully made or to be made for the Benefit of Masonry and the Advancement of our Royal Craft, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force or Virtue.

GIVEN in open Grand Lodge, under the Hands of our Right Worshipful Grand Officers and the seal of our Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, this Fourteenth Day of July, A.C. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven and of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven.

ASHETON HUMPHREYS,
Gr'd Sec'y.

Recorded in Book of Records of Warrants B, Folio 14, the 29th Day of June Anno Lucis 5798
by George A. Baker,
Grand Secretary.

The first election of officers took place at the stated meeting held June 14, 1786, when the same officers who had been serving since the Constituting of the Lodge, were all retained in office.

At the extra meeting of December 16, 1786, another election was held resulting again in the re-election of the former officers, except Treasurer, Bro. Fredrick Hubley being chosen for that office in the place of Bro. Etting.

At the stated meeting of June 13, 1787, an election for officers was again held (it being the custom to hold such elections twice yearly; the Masonic terms being the intervals between the days of St. John, the Baptist, June 24th, and St. John, the Evangelist, December 27th). At this third election the following were chosen: John Doyle, Worshipful Master; Henry Stuber, Senior Warden, and Charles Smith, Junior Warden. The same Secretary and Treasurer were re-appointed.

The meetings of the Lodge during the first few years of its existence were not characterized by much of interest. During the year 1787 but two members were admitted and none initiated, and during the year 1788, one was admitted and one initiated.

Bro. Junior Warden Charles Smith removed to Sunbury, and Bro. Solomon Etting was elected his successor; Bro. Treasurer Fredrick Hubley removed to Philadelphia, and Bro. Henry Dering was elected his successor, those elections taking place at the February and March meetings of 1788, no election being held in December, 1787.

The meetings of the Lodge were held at the public house of Bro. Fredrick Hubley until February, 1788, when, owing to the removal

of Bro. Hubley from the Borough, the place of meeting was changed to the house of Thomas Edwards, which was situated on South Queen Street, now known as the "Fountain Inn." [The site of the Fountain Inn is now, 1910, occupied by the Lincoln Hotel.]

At an extra meeting held June 24, 1788, the election resulted in the re-election of all the officers.

In July, 1788, the Initiation Fee was reduced from six to three pounds, and the dues from one quarter of a dollar to one shilling and three pence per month.

In August of this year, the Lodge returned to its former quarters in the house formerly kept by Bro. Hubley and at that time kept by George Ross. They continued to hold their meetings in this house until the following January when the Lodge was moved to the house of Mathias Slough, which was situated on the southeast corner of Penn Square and South Queen Street.

In November, 1788, the Lodge was called upon to sustain its first loss by death, and that in no less a personage than its Worshipful Master.

At an extra meeting held December 27th, Bro. James Moore was elected Worshipful Master, and all the other officers were re-elected. These officers continued in office until April, 1790, when the Worshipful Master notified the Lodge of his intended removal from the county, and upon ballot Bro. Solomon Etting was elected Master; Jacob Slough, Senior Warden; Matthias Barton, Junior Warden; Henry Dering, Treasurer, and William Feltman, Secretary. These officers served until June, 1791, when Charles Smith was elected Worshipful Master; Matthias Barton, Senior Warden; Wm. Kirkpatrick, Junior Warden; and Wm. Feltman was appointed Secretary, and Myer Solomon, Treasurer.

During the year 1789, four members were admitted and none initiated, in 1790 five were admitted and none initiated, and in 1791 four were initiated.

There were no meetings of the Lodge between June 16th and December 13, 1790. During the year 1791 the meetings were poorly attended, and it was the custom to fine absentees unless they furnished a satisfactory excuse; this failing to bring about the desired attendance, at the meeting held November 9, 1791, "the Worshipful Master *ordered* that special summons be issued to each Brother for the next meeting, and for the non-attendance of each Brother of this Lodge, he or they to be excluded in future." At

the next meeting, held December 14th, we find this order executed, and "Bro. Wm. Montgomery is excluded this Lodge as a member thereof, his not having attended according to special Sumons being served upon him."

The meetings of the Lodge continued to be held at the public house of Mathias Slough until June, 1792, when the Lodge removed to the house of Bro. Julian Sonnet, which place we have been unable to locate.

At the stated meeting held June 13, 1792, the following were elected officers for the ensuing six months: Mathias Barton, W. M.; Wm. Kirkpatrick, S. W., and Peter Getz, J. W. They were not installed until August following, when the Worshipful Master appointed John Cunningham, Treasurer, and J. J. Sonnet, Secretary. The attendance on the meetings of the Lodge at this time was very poor, and the chairs were mostly filled pro tempore.

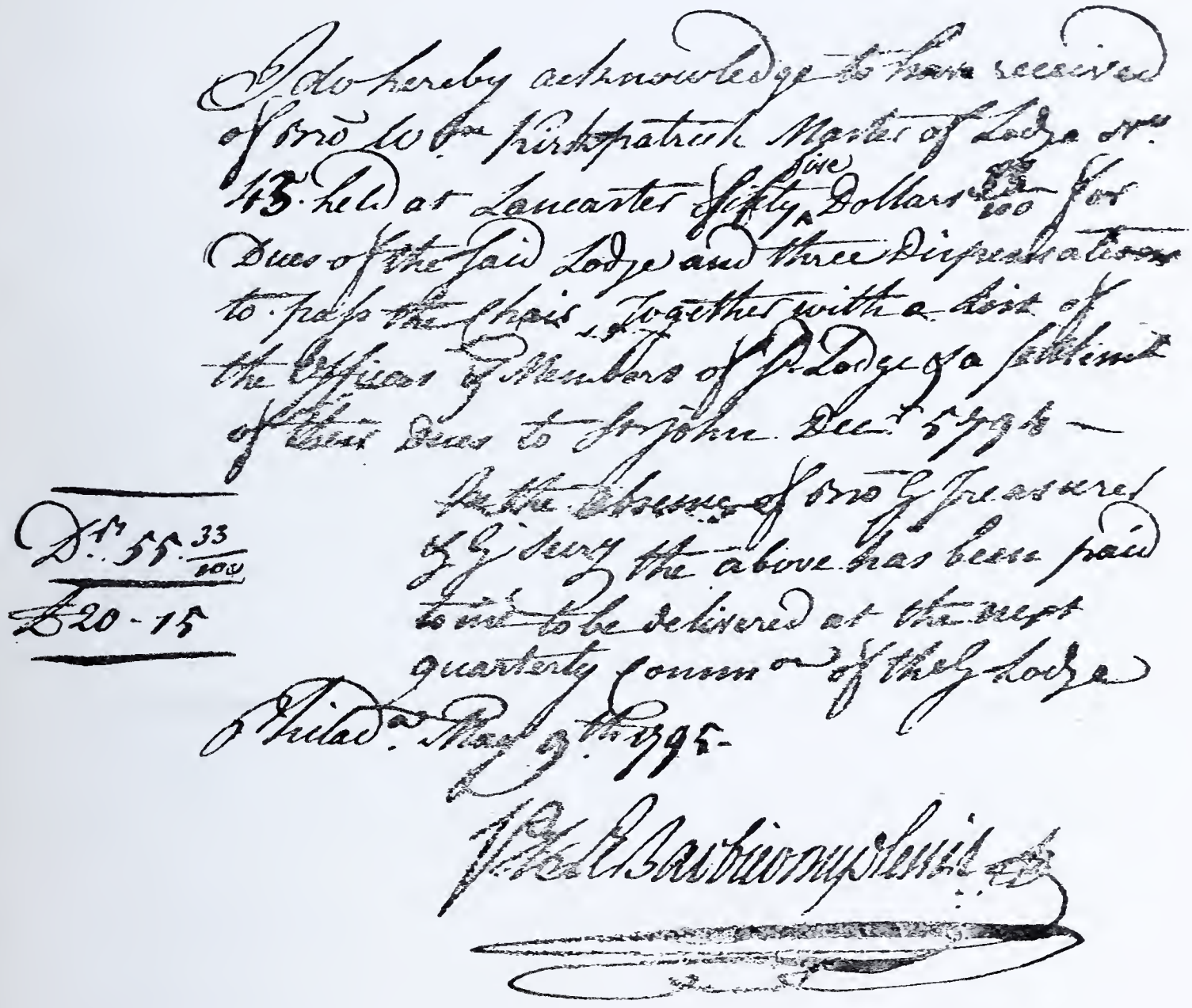
At the stated meeting December 12, 1792, the election for officers resulted as follows: James Gamble, W. M.; Peter Getz, S. W.; Jeremiah Mosher, J. W., and Michael App, Treasurer.

The Lodge continued to meet at Bro. Sonnet's house until in June, 1793, when his lease expiring and his new house not being suitable for the purpose, it was resolved to remove the Lodge to the house of Bro. Michael App, on West King Street. We find, however, that the Lodge was never moved to this house, it being used only for committee meetings; but instead of removing to Bro. App's, they changed their place of meeting to the public house of Leonard Eicholtz, which was known as the "Bull's Head," and was situated on the southeast corner of East King and Christian Streets, and was afterwards known as the "Exchange Hotel."

At the stated meeting of June 12, 1793, the following were elected officers for the ensuing six months: William Kirkpatrick, W. M.; Peter Getz, S. W., and Jeremiah Mosher, J. W. At this time we find the brethren held Lodges of instruction in the Lodge Room, twice a month, on Sunday evenings. Another custom, which was begun with the foundation of the Lodge, was for the brethren to dine together on both St. John's days, the Lodge always holding meetings upon those days, for the purpose of installing the officers, hearing the report of the standing committee on audits, etc.

The election of officers in December of this year resulted in a re-election of all at that time in office, they continuing in office until June, 1794, when Bro. Peter Getz was elected W. M., Bro.

Jere. Mosher, S. W., Bro. Jacob Carpenter, J. W., and Bro. Jno. Stone, Treasurer. Bro. Stone not desiring to serve as Treasurer, Bro. Lewis Lauman was appointed in his place, and at the stated meeting held December 19th, the officers were all re-elected.



Reproduction of Receipt for Grand Lodge Dues and Dispensation to St. John's Day, December, 5794

During the year 1792, four brethren were initiated and one admitted to the Lodge. In 1793, six were initiated, one admitted, and one withdrew; and in 1794, six were initiated. So that during the first decade of the Lodge's existence, thirty members were initiated, and fourteen admitted; which, together with the seven charter members, makes a total of fifty-one, as having become members of the Lodge during the ten years. The records were not kept with any degree of accuracy during this period, but they give as the loss of membership the following: four died, four withdrew, and

one was suspended; a total loss of nine; making the apparent net membership at the close of the decade, forty-two. We are inclined to believe that this figure is too high, as the poor attendance at the meetings would indicate that members from time to time dropped out. At an ordinary meeting from seven to nine members (including officers) would attend, and it was a rare thing to have as many as twelve or eighteen present.

The meetings at the close of the year 1794 show a much better attendance than formerly, with the interest in the Lodge on the increase.

At the meeting held September 29, 1794, Mathias Slough, at whose public house the Lodge held its meetings from June, 1788, to June, 1792, was made a Mason.

Bro. Mathias Slough was a man of considerable worth and education. He was a very prominent citizen and patriot during the Revolutionary period. He was Coroner of Lancaster County in 1763, when the Paxton Boys broke into the Lancaster jail and murdered the Conestoga Indians, and he held the inquest upon the bodies. The Paxton Boys first rode into Bro. Slough's tavern-yard, and from there proceeded to the scene of murder. In 1776 he was appointed general agent for the Province of Pennsylvania, to provide clothing and accoutrements for the troops raised for the service of the province. He also had command of a Lancaster battalion in the years 1776 and 1777. He was a member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania during the years, 1774, '75, '77, '80, '81, '82, '83.

CHAPTER II

1795–1805

THE increased attendance of the members of the Lodge, noticeable in the latter part of the year 1794, was a marked feature of the year 1795, the attendance averaging from fifteen to twenty. The Lodge was efficiently officered, and marked interest was manifested in its proceedings. During the year, seven good and worthy citizens were added to the roll of the membership of the Lodge.

The election of officers at the stated meeting of June 10th, 1795, resulted as follows: Charles Smith, W. M.; Jeremiah Mosher, S. W., and Jacob Carpenter, J. W. But Bro. Smith being unable to serve as Master, Bro. Wm. Kirkpatrick was requested to continue in the office of Worshipful Master. The Secretary, Bro. J. J. Sonnet, having died since last meeting, Bro. Wm. Feltman was again appointed to that office.

St. John the Baptist's day, June 24th of this year, was celebrated in the appropriate custom of the times, by an extra Lodge meeting for installation of officers, a procession, and by a sermon preached by the Rev. Bro. Campbell.

At the stated meeting of December 9th, 1795, we find the speculative spirit of our ancient brethren manifested in taking advantage of an opportunity then offered of a sudden accumulation of wealth. On motion, it was ordered that "the Treasurer purchase two tickets in the Canal Lottery, out of the funds of the Lodge, the tickets to be warranted undrawn at the time of purchase." The records fail to show that any wealth accrued to the treasury of the Lodge from this source.

The election of officers at this meeting in December resulted as follows: Bro. Jeremiah Mosher, W. M.; Bro. Jacob Carpenter, S. W., and Bro. John Morris, J. W.; Bro. Lewis Lauman, Treasurer. These officers were installed on St. John's day, December 27th when Bro. Wm. Feltman was again appointed Secretary.

At the meeting held January 13, 1796, "Bros. Mosher, Smith and Kirkpatrick were appointed a committee to wait upon the Corporation of this Borough in order to know whether they will allow this Lodge the priviledge of erecting a Lodge room over the market-house, and to agree with them for the same." This was

the first movement in what eventually resulted in the erection of our present hall. The committee appointed for the above purpose was continued from time to time, as they were unable to make any satisfactory report. The ground upon which it was proposed to erect this structure was deeded by James Hamilton, who owned the tract and laid out the town, to the county of Lancaster for market purposes. Upon this ground the corporation authorities proposed to erect a market house, to be built of brick, and the members of the Lodge conceived it to be an economical and desirable method of obtaining a centrally located, permanent home for the Lodge, by the action proposed.

At the stated meeting of June 8, 1796, the following brethren were elected for the ensuing six months: Jacob Carpenter, W. M.; John Morris, S. W.; Jacob Martin, J. W., and Lewis Lauman, Treasurer. Bro. Wm. Hamilton was appointed Secretary. Our brethren at this time must have found their duties arduous, and doubtless having heard of the effect of "all work and no play" upon the mythical Jack, they at this meeting "on motion, resolved that the Pursuivant do on each Stated night collect from each member present, One fourth of a Dollar for the purpose of procuring necessaries for recreation on each night."

No agreement having yet been effected with the corporation in the matter of building, Bro. P. M. Charles Smith, at the August meeting of the Lodge, generously tendered a lot of ground at the southeast corner of Chestnut and Duke streets for the purpose of building a hall. He also granted the Lodge the liberty of quarrying and using for the purpose stone from his plantation (Hardwicke). A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Smith, and a committee was appointed to view the aforesaid lot and report.

William Hamilton, Esq., nephew of James Hamilton, deceased, and the then "proprietor of the town," also tendered a lot to the Lodge for the same purpose. He was also voted the thanks of the Lodge, and the matter referred to the committee. Neither of these sites seem to have been satisfactory to the brethren, in whose judgment nothing but the immediate vicinity of Penn Square would answer the purpose.

The committee finally selected a lot at the upper end of South Queen Street, the property of Robert Wilson, as a desirable location. They were instructed by the Lodge to confer with Mr. Wilson as to the terms upon which it could be purchased. After inquiry

I John Morris Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43 Ancient York Masons held at Lancaster in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania do hereby Certify to the said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, that, at an Election held this day the following Brethren were duly elected Officers of the said Lodge, for the Term of six Months, Succeeding next St. John's Day. viz

John Miller Jr. Worshipful Master
William Hamilton Senior Warden
Brother Gilt — Junior Warden
William Pitt Allee — Secretary
Lewis Lauman — Treasurer

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Lodge to be affixed at Lancaster the 11th. day of June A.C. 1797 and in the Year of Masonry 5797.

Attest
Wm. Pitt Allee
Secretary of Lodge No. 43.

John Morris Master
of Lodge No. 43

REPRODUCTION OF RETURN FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF LODGE NO. 43, JUNE, 1797

they reported it could be purchased for £100, whereupon it was unanimously agreed not to purchase it.

The election for officers in December, 1796, resulted as follows: Bro. John Morris was elected W. M.; Bro. Jacob Martin, S. W.; Bro. John Miller, J. W.; Bro. Lewis Lauman, Treasurer, and Bro. Wm. Pitt Atlee was appointed Secretary. During the year 1796, three new members were initiated.

The election in June, 1797, resulted in the following brethren being chosen to serve for the ensuing six months: Bro. John Miller, W. M.; Bro. Wm. Hamilton, S. W., and Bro. Abram Henry, J. W.

The practice of placing the amount of dues owing by each brother on the notice of meeting was first adopted this year. At the September meeting the by-laws were amended, raising the fees of initiation to thirty (30) ½ shillings for each step. It was also at this time agreed that the fines when collected should be placed in the hands of the Steward, to assist in defraying the expenses of the night.

At the December meeting the following were elected officers for the ensuing six months: Bro. Jacob Carpenter, W. M.; Abram Henry, S. W.; Lewis Lauman, J. W., and Jacob Martin, Treasurer. It was also the custom at this time to elect the Pursuivant. Bro. John Morris was appointed Secretary.

During the year 1797 the membership of the Lodge was increased by eight initiations.

At the stated meeting of the Lodge held February 27th, Bro. P. M. Charles Smith "communicated to the Lodge that he had spoken to the Corporation of this Borough concerning the building of a Lodge Room over the Market House, and that the Corporation agreed that the Lodge Room should be built there." It was agreed to hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 1st, and that a committee be appointed to ascertain the expenses of the building, and if possible, what sum the members would be willing to subscribe for the purpose.

At the special meeting held March 1, 1798, the committee presented the following report:

> The committee who were appointed to make an estimate of the expense of building a Lodge Room over the Market House in this Borough, from the information they have received report as follows, viz.:

		Dollars.
6 Girders		39
1300 feet Joyce	3 Dol. 34 Cents.	43
1200 Rafters		40
Cellar Beams		13
2600 feet Laths		13
12,000 Shingles	10 Dol. p m	120
200 lbs Nails		26
Boards		100
60,000 Bricks	3 Dol. 34 Cents.	200
Mason Work		114
20 Loads Sand		20
200 Bushels Lime	26 Cents.	54
Carpenter Work		400
Plastering		200
Glass		14
Total		$1393

Wm. Kirkpatrick,
Chas. Smith,
John Miller,
L. Lauman,
J. Mosher,
Committee.

Upon the question being put before the Lodge, it was unanimously agreed to build, and Bros. Kirkpatrick, Smith, Miller, Lauman, Mosher and Dering were appointed a committee to treat with the Corporation of the Borough and make such arrangements as they think necessary to forward the building.

At an extra meeting held March 24th, the committee appointed to confer with the Corporation of the Borough respecting the building, presented as their report the following mutual agreement entered into with the corporation:

The Corporation to build Pillars and Arches sufficiently strong to support the superstructure and roof; which pillars and Arches are to be at the expense of the Corporation.

The Lodge to build the Superstructure, and Roof, floor and ciel the building.

The Corporation to grant the right to erect this Superstructure and the discretion of the uses of it to such Trustees as may be appointed by the Lodge.—But the Room shall always be reserved for the use of the meetings of the Corporation, all other public uses of the Rooms to be at the option of the Lodge. If the Corporation should think proper to erect pillars in the Square beyond the extent of the Main Market building, for

the use of the County Market people, the Lodge will extend the Roof over the same, Floor, Ciel, paint and finish it in a neat manner.

We on the part of the Lodge and on the part of the Corporation do agree to the above proposals.

March 22d, 1798.

By order of the Corporation.

PAUL ZANTZINGER, *Chief Burgess.*

By order of the Lodge.

CHARLES SMITH,
JOHN MILLER, JUNR,
LEWIS LAUMAN,
HENRY DERING.

Agreed that Paul Zantzinger, John Hubley and Jacob King are appointed, or any two of them, to procure materials and Workmen for the building of the above mentioned Market House, in conjunction with any person or persons that Lodge No. 43 will appoint for the same purpose.

This agreement was ratified and confirmed by the Lodge, and Bros. Charles Smith, Lewis Lauman and Wm. Kirkpatrick, or any two of them, were appointed a committee to act with the committee appointed by the corporation in procuring materials and contracting for the erection of the said building.

The committee were authorized and directed to call upon the brethren who had subscribed for the erection of the building, for one-fourth part of their subscription, and for the residue in equal installments, in one, two, and three months, and pay the same to the Treasurer. Also that all arrears for dues be collected. The Treasurer was authorized to pay to the Building Committee the sum then in his hands, and from time to time what moneys might be collected, to be applied to the purchase of such materials as may be immediately necessary. Such payments to be made to the order of said committee, or any two of them.

The following is a copy of the agreement made by the committee with the workmen:

Memorandum of agreements entered in April 4th, 1798, Between the Committees of the Corporation and Lodge No. 43, and the undersigned Workmen, who have contracted as follows, for the Market building and Lodge-room above.

Jacob Albright undertakes to do the Brick-work of the said Building, and to have for laying the Brick at the rate of fifteen shillings per thousand—the said Albright to keep a distinct account, of the Brick laid and work done for the Corporation, and the Brick laid for the Lodge Room, that the expences thereof may be correctly apportioned—and the said

Albright undertakes to procure the Stone, Lime and Sand at the most reasonable rates—but in contracting for the prices thereof, he is to consult and have the assent of the said Committee—The stone Work to be done at four shillings per perch, and paving to be done at nine pence the square yard.

George Peters engages to furnish such quantity of substantial, well finished, Merchantable and durable Brick as shall be necessary for the said Building at the rate of thirty shillings per thousand, and paving Brick at the rate of thirty-two shillings & six pence per thousand—and he engages that when the Work is begun, he will not delay the said Work for want of Brick by his default.

Godlieb Sener undertakes to furnish all the Shingles which may be requisite for both the Market house and Lodge-Room and all the rafters and other timbers and Lath for the said roofs (other than such Timbers as the Corporation now have, and which can be used for their part of the Work) the same to be furnished at the most reasonable rates, but to be of the best quality—and at equal rates and of equal quality to furnish all necessary Beams, Joists and Timbers which may be necessary for building and finishing the Lodge-Room, in a neat and substantial manner—and to execute the Work thereof, as expditiously as it may be done in an handsome stile, agreeably to the plan agreed upon by the Committees of Conference above mentioned—and to be paid therefor so much as he may reasonably deserve to have.

a True Copy. GEORGE PETERS,
JACOB ALBRIGHT,
GOTTLIEB SENER.

The members of the Lodge contributed to the building of the hall as liberally as their means would permit. Small subscriptions were also received from a few citizens, not members of the Lodge, and from a few brethren in York and Northumberland. Letters were also written to sister lodges in Philadelphia, Reading, Wilmington, Del., and committees or proxies were appointed to receive subscriptions from the brethren in the different neighboring cities and towns. Owing to the difficulty in obtaining the necessary means the work progressed slowly, and it was not until August, 1800, that the hall was ready for use.

In the early part of 1798 the Lodge had a symbolic floor cloth painted by the artist, Bro. Benj. West Henry, at an expense of £11.5.0. This floor cloth was in use many years. The great light, our old Bible, which was printed in 1796, was purchased by the Lodge in this year, and from that time to the present it has continued, uninterruptedly, to shed its effulgent rays from our Lodge altar.

No election for officers was held in June, 1798, those serving at that time being continued, *by resolution*, for six months. At the stated meeting in December, the following brethren were elected for the ensuing six months: Wm. Kirkpatrick, W. M.; Abraham Henry, S. W., and Benj. West Henry, J. W.

During the year 1798, three were initiated and one admitted, and one withdrew.

During the year 1799, the attention of the Lodge was devoted mainly to the collecting of subscriptions for the building of the hall, and to advancing its erection as rapidly as the circumstances of the case would admit. But one new member was initiated during the year.

At the June meeting, Bro. Abraham Henry was elected W. M.; Bro. Benjamin West Henry, S. W., and Bro. George Keip, J. W. Up to this time the amount of cash received by donation for building the lodge-room amounted to £402.4.11.

The election in December resulted in placing Bro. Matthias Barton in the chair, and the reëlection of all the other officers. On St. John's day, December 27th, Bro. Barton declined serving as Worshipful Master, whereupon it was unanimously agreed that he be fined three pounds for the use of the charity fund, agreeably to the 19th section of the By-Laws of the Lodge. Again that ever reliable, worthy and active member, Bro. William Kirkpatrick, was chosen to preside over the Lodge.

It was a rule and custom of the Lodge at this time to have the By-Laws read in open Lodge on every St. John's day; at this meeting however we find this rule was, on motion, dispensed with.

The year 1800 opens for the Lodge with an extra meeting, called on January 6th, for the purpose of considering the subject of the removal of the Lodge to some more convenient place. It was agreed to move that afternoon to the house of Mrs. Edwards (a former place of meeting, now the Lincoln Hotel).

An extra meeting was also called the following morning, at the new place of meeting, for the purpose of paying respect to the memory of our late brother, Gen. George Washington, who had died at Mt. Vernon on the 14th ult.

The following is the minute made of said meeting, and of the procession:

> Agreeable to order, the Lodge met at the house of Mrs. Edwards, on the morning of the 7th inst. After making the necessary arrangements,

and clothed in the proper mourning agreeable to ancient custom, and being joined by a number of respectable Brethren from different parts of the State,—they moved in due form from the Lodge and joined the Funeral Procession in honor, and as a mark of their veneration for the memory of their departed Brother General George Washington.

At the stated meeting for January, which was held the following night, it was resolved, "That the Lodge be put in complete mourning, and the Brethren wear the emblem of mourning on their aprons, jewels, &c., for the ensuing six months." It was also resolved, that an oration be prepared and delivered in the Lodge room on Washington's birthday, February 22d. Bro. William C. Frazer was appointed for this purpose. He performed his duty in an able manner at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of that day.

At the stated meeting held March 12th, it was:

Resolved, unanimously, that Brother William C. Frazer receive the thanks of this Lodge for the very elegant and well adapted Oration prepared by him and delivered in this Lodge on the 22d ultimo, in honor of our dearly beloved and ever to be lamented deceased Brother General George Washington.

Brother Henry Dering, one of the charter members of the Lodge, one whose active interest continued up to the time of his death, died on the 6th of April. At the stated meeting of April 9th, it was agreed that the members of the Lodge wear crape on the left arm until the next stated meeting, as mourning for the departed Brother.

At this time a number of the members were in arrears for dues, and the balance of their subscription to the building fund. Many of them had given notes for their indebtedness, which they failed to meet, so that the Lodge became financially embarrassed, and could neither discharge its indebtedness for the building nor its Grand Lodge dues.

The full amount of the notes held by the Lodge against delinquent members was £93.2.4, some of which remain unpaid at the present time.

The election in June resulted in the reëlection of all the officers.

The new Lodge room being finally completed in August, an extra meeting was held on the 25th inst. for the purpose of making arrangements for removal. It was agreed that the Lodge should be removed to the new building before the next stated meeting in September, and Brothers Benj. W. Henry, Peter Getz and Jacob

Carpenter were appointed a committee to superintend the removal. Accordingly we find the Lodge holding its stated meeting of September 10, 1800, in the "New Lodge Room."

The hall, then just finished, consisted of four rooms and an entry or hall running the entire length of the building on the north side. It was entered by a stairway at the northeast corner of the building. There was at the east end a room intended for the use of the corporation authorities and other public purposes. Adjoining this room on the west was the largest room, intended for the Lodge room, while at the extreme west end were two small rooms, intended for the tylers and preparing rooms. The building was bounded on the north by the open Market Square, on the east by Penn Square (the lot now occupied by City Hall buildings being at that time vacant), on the south by West King street, and on the west by an open street or alley, called Union Court, now the property of the Lodge, upon which is erected our store-room, armory, portion of the stairs and the ante-rooms. The long entry on the north side of the building, besides being a passage-way, was used as a banquet room. At a later date long tables were placed there for banquet purposes, and this place was the scene of many convivial gatherings by the fathers of our Lodge.

The principal business of the first meeting of the Lodge in its new hall, was the approval and initiation of Bros. Alexander McIntire and John Rohrer.

The following month (October, 1800), Michael Rine, High Sheriff of Lancaster county, made application to the Lodge for the use of its room for holding the County Courts. Permission being granted, the November term of court was held in the hall, the Commissioners paying $30 for the privilege. After this date the courts were held there for some time.

At the December meeting, Bro. Jacob Carpenter was elected Worshipful Master, Bro. Benj. W. Henry, Senior Warden, and Bro. Geo. Keip, Junior Warden.

The additions to the Lodge during the year 1800 were three initiated and one admitted.

In February, 1801, an application was made to the Lodge for the use of the room for holding a ball, which called forth the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, there has been an application made to the W. M. of this Lodge, by a number of Gentlemen of this Borough to grant them the

privilege of holding a Dance or Assembly in the Lodge Room—Whereupon the following Resolutions were proposed and agreed to.

Resolved, that the Building erected by Lodge No. 43 is exclusively the property of said Lodge, subject to the fulfilment of the agreement made with the Corporation.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Lodge are due to a number of the Inhabitants of the Borough, who subscribed liberally thereto; but it was understood at the time of subscribing and so declared by the members of the Lodge, that such subscriptions gave no right to any person or persons either separately from, or jointly with the Lodge, it is further declared, that such Subscribers have no interest in said Building.

Resolved, that when the Lodge can conveniantly accomodate their fellow Citizens, Subscribers or others, with a temporary use of the Lodge Room, without interfering with the meeting of the Lodge, that it would be liberal, and honorable, to do so. Therefore it is

Resolved, that on application to the Worshipful Master he is hereby authorized by and with the consent of the Lodge to permit any number of Gentlemen, to have the occasional use of the Lodge Room, not injuring the same, and repairing any casual Damage to the Glass or other part of the Building.

During the summer of 1801 the "Musical Society of the Borough" were permitted to use the room for their meeting and practice.

The Lodge had, for some time, experienced considerable difficulty in the collection of dues from its members. Committees were frequently appointed to assist the proper officers in making the collections, and resolutions of various kinds were frequently offered. Finally, failing in all these measures, at the June meeting of this year it was resolved to adopt the expedient of calling over the names of the delinquents, three times each meeting for three successive meetings, and any member still remaining in arrears on the third stated night, after having been in this manner nine times solemnly called on for his dues, should be excluded and expelled from the Lodge. We find two members were thus *solemnly* dealt with and disposed of.

The June election resulted in the reëlection of all the officers.

In July a letter was presented and read, informing the Lodge that the Grand Lodge had purchased a house and lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia for the use of the Grand Lodge, and requesting this Lodge to loan on interest to the Grand Lodge any money which could with convenience be spared. When we consider that the Lodge was at this time in arrears for Grand Lodge dues, was still in debt for its building, and had a treasury made up mainly of notes taken from its members for dues and subscriptions

to the building fund, we can appreciate the action of the Lodge on this communication. "The sense of the Lodge being taken it was resolved, that under the present exigence situation, this Lodge can not advance money."

The following were elected officers for the ensuing six months at the December meeting: Bro. Jacob Carpenter, W. M.; Bro. Benj. W. Henry, S. W.; Bro. Geo. Keip, J. W.; Bro. Jacob Martin, Treasurer. Bro. George Miller was appointed Secretary in the place of Bro. John Morris, who removed to Philadelphia.

During the year 1801, seven members were initiated, four withdrew, and two were suspended.

Very little of interest occurred during the year 1802. The meetings as a rule were poorly attended, but three new members were initiated and one withdrew.

At the June meeting Bro. Wm. Kirkpatrick was again honored by being chosen Worshipful Master, but declined to serve, when the following brethren were elected for the ensuing term of six months: Benjamin W. Henry, W. M.; George Keip, S. W., and John Kerr, J. W. At the December meeting the W. M. and S. W. were reëlected, and Bro. Wm. Pitt Atlee was elected J. W.

The financial condition of the Lodge at this time was as follows:

Cash in the hands of Treasurer			£0. 0. 0
Balance due the Treasurer			8.11
Amount due the Lodge for Dues, etc			156.12.11
" " " "	Bonds & Notes		84. 1. 9½
" " " "	Subscription fund		95. 6.10½
" paid by the Lodge on account of building			706. 7.11

At the stated meeting of June 8, 1803, the Lodge again called our worthy Bro. Wm. Kirkpatrick to the chair. Bro. Wm. P. Atlee was elected S. W., and Bro. Robert McElwee, J. W. These brethren were reëlected at the December meeting.

An application having been made to the Lodge for the rental of the Lodge room by the Register- and Comptroller-Generals, and finding they could benefit their depleted treasury by this means, the Brethren determined to so rent the room and hold the meetings of the Lodge elsewhere. At the October meeting it was unanimously agreed to rent a room for Lodge meetings in the public house of Robert Wilson, which was situated on the southwest corner of South Queen and German streets, and known as the Indian King. This room was secured at an annual rental of twelve

dollars, and in this place the Lodge continued to hold its meetings until June 24, 1809.

The first grand visitation with which Lodge No. 43 was ever honored was on December 19, 1803, at which time, at an extra meeting called for the purpose, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Israel Israel, honored the Lodge with his presence. On rising, the Grand Master expressed his approbation at the manner in which the business of the Lodge had been conducted, and stated that he was well pleased with the order, decorum and harmony that prevailed. During the year 1803, six members were initiated, one admitted, and one withdrew.

The first business of importance transacted in the beginning of the year 1804 was the amendment of the By-Laws in the matter of dues and fees. These alterations were as follows:

A petition for initiation and membership must be accompanied by a fee of ten ($10.00) dollars, which sum shall be in payment of his initiation. Before he can be passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason, he must pay the additional sum of six ($6.00) dollars, and on being raised to the degree of a Master Mason, he must pay the further sum of four ($4.00) dollars. He shall also pay on the night of his initiation, to the Tyler, the sum of one dollar; to the Secretary for enrolling, half a dollar, and to the Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, the sum of five shillings.

Every member was required to pay one shilling quarterly for the use of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and one shilling on each stated night for the use of the charity fund of this Lodge. The fee for membership was placed at four ($4.00) dollars, which was also for the use of the charity fund.

At the June meeting, the following Brethren were elected officers for the ensuing six months: Bro. Wm. Kirkpatrick, W. M.; Bro. Robt. McElwee, S. W.; Bro. Wm. Boyd, J. W.; and Bro. E. H. Halstead was appointed Secretary. Bro. Halstead died before his term of office had expired.

At the stated meeting in December a petition, addressed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and signed by Bros. Joel Lightner, Wm. Russell, Samuel Ramsey, Joshua Bowman, Wm. Henderson, Eli Thomas, Jesse Cloud, Isaac W. Vanleer, George Eckert, Joseph Levefer, and Nathaniel Watson, all residing in the neighborhood of Strasburg, was presented and read, praying to be erected into a separate Lodge, also petitioning Lodge No. 43 to permit them to with-



We,

The Master

Wardens, & Secretary

of LODGE, N°. 43, held in the Borough of LANCASTER, in the Commonwealth of PENNSYLVANIA; DO certify, that *Brother* Wm Russel has been *initiated* into all the *Mysteries* of our *ancient* and *honourable Fraternity* of FREE and ACCEPTED ANCIENT YORK MASONS. And, during his Stay amongst *us*, has behaved *himself* as becometh a worthy *Brother;* and as such (he having discharged all *Lodge-Dues)* WE recommend *him* to all FREE and ACCEPTED ANCIENT YORK MASONS, round the *Globe*.

GIVEN under our *Hands*, and the *Seal* of the LODGE, the 9th. Day of January in the *Year* of our LORD, 1805 and of MASONRY, 5805

ATTEST.

Jn Stone *Secretary.*

Wm Kirkpatrick *wpl. Master.*

Robert McElwee *senr. Warden.*

Wm Boyd *junr. Warden.*

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draw from the Lodge, and to recommend the Grand Lodge to grant them a Charter. The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and they were warranted by the Grand Lodge on January 21, 1805. This was the first Lodge which grew out of the membership of No. 43. It was named Philanthropic Lodge, No. 104, and its meetings were held at the public house of Peter Forney, in Leacock township.

The December election resulted in a reëlection of all the officers then in the chairs.

During the year 1804, eight members were initiated, one was admitted, one withdrew, and one died. The brethren who offered their resignations for the purpose of forming Lodge No. 104, did not comply with the by-laws until the January meeting of 1805, hence their withdrawal is credited to that year.

CHAPTER III

1805–1815

THE year 1805 did not open very auspiciously for the Lodge. The meetings were slimly attended, the officers found great difficulty in collecting from the members the money due the Lodge, the Lodge was still in debt for the erection of the hall, and had been for some time delinquent in its Grand Lodge dues.

The Lodge had neglected their Grand Lodge dues so long, and they had accumulated to such an amount, that at the meeting of the Grand Lodge held May 14th, it was resolved that unless they were paid within six months, the warrant of the Lodge would be suspended. An examination of the Treasurer's accounts at this time shows the following as the assets of the Lodge:

Sundry Book Accounts considered good.....	£124.14. 4
Ditto bad & doubtful.....	96. 6. 9
Notes & Specialities (good).....	24. 5.10
Ditto (doubtful).....	52. 7. 0
Total.....	£390. 3. 5
Apparent Cash balance in the hands of Treasurer.	£ 92. 9. 6½

The Worshipful Master and Treasurer were directed to collect the amount due for rent of Lodge room and to apply all the available funds towards liquidating the debts and Grand Lodge dues. The straitened circumstances of the Lodge, as well as the generosity, liberality and fraternal devotion of its Worshipful Master, Bro. Wm. Kirkpatrick, is apparent from the fact that the Lodge, after paying its other pressing debts, was only able to raise twenty-five dollars, and the W. M., from his private resources, contributed twenty-five dollars additional towards the payment of the Grand Lodge dues.

In forwarding these fifty dollars, the Lodge presented a candid statement of its embarrassed financial condition, and respectfully petitioned the Grand Lodge for a remission of the balance of its indebtedness.

To the credit of the Grand Lodge be it said, that it generously accepted the fifty dollars as settlement in full for the Grand Lodge dues of Lodge No. 43, to St. John's day, June 24, 1805. By this generous act on the part of the Grand Lodge new life was infused

into the Lodge and renewed interest awakened among its members. From this time the Lodge assumed a more flourishing condition, meeting its current expenses, paying with regularity its Grand Lodge dues, improving its furniture and regalia, and soon having a surplus fund.

At the stated meeting in June, the officers of the Lodge were reëlected and Bro. B. Lauman was appointed Secretary and Bro. John Stone Deputy Secretary; the latter a new office.

For the first twenty-five or thirty years of the Lodge's existence, it was the rule and custom whenever a brother received his first or entered apprentice degree, for the Worshipful Master to appoint two experienced members as his guardians or instructors. Certainly no harm could grow out of so excellent a proceeding.

The officers of the Lodge were again reëlected at the December meeting:

At the close of the year, owing to the discharge of various debts, the Lodge was indebted to the Treasurer one pound, thirteen shillings, while the outstanding amount due the Lodge was £252.0.0. Three members were initiated during the year and eleven withdrew.

At the stated meeting of June 11, 1806, Bro. John Gallagher was elected J. W., Bro. Wm. Greer was appointed Secretary, and the other officers were reëlected.

At the December meeting the following Brethren were elected officers of the Lodge: Robert McElwee, W. M.; Wm. P. Atlee, S. W., and John Gallagher, J. W.

The financial condition of the Lodge having improved, the Lodge was occasionally called from labor to refreshment. During the year four were initiated, one admitted and two withdrew.

In April, 1807, Bro. Peter Getz presented to the Lodge a handsome sword for the use of the Tyler.

At the June and December meetings of this year the officers of the Lodge were all reëlected.

The year 1807 deserves special note in this place, as having been the first year in the history of the Lodge in which it was called upon to expel one of its members for unmasonic conduct. The offense committed being that of "absconding, defrauding several of the brethren, and not paying his lodge dues."

During the year two were initiated, one admitted, two withdrew and one was expelled.

The year 1808 found the treasury of the Lodge so much improved that, at the stated meeting in March, a loan of $200 was made to one of the members, on a note with approved security.

At the stated meeting in June, Bro. Gustavus Stoy was elected J. W. and Bro. Samuel Reynolds was appointed Secretary. The other officers were reëlected.

At the stated meeting held October 12, 1808, it was resolved that the members of the Lodge be specially summoned to attend the next stated night for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to establish a Royal Arch Chapter.

At the next meeting held November 9th, it was unanimously agreed to establish a Royal Arch Chapter in the Lodge, and "Bros. Wm. Hamilton, Jere. Mosher and E. Atlee were appointed a committee, on behalf of the Lodge, to draft an address to Bros. Wm. Kirkpatrick and Robt. McElwee, informing them that this Lodge have agreed to a resolution for establishing a Royal Arch Chapter, and they or either of them are authorized to take the proper steps to obtain a dispensation from the R. W. Grand Lodge, if they find it necessary." At the following meeting, held December 14th, the Worshipful Master presented the rules and regulations necessary for the establishing of a Royal Arch Chapter. These rules being read, Bro. Robt. McElwee (who was a Royal Arch Mason) was requested to procure the signatures of a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to a petition and forward the same, or take such steps as they may deem necessary for the purpose of getting a dispensation from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. These were the preliminary steps taken in the organization of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M. The Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania was organized in 1795, but did not issue warrants to subordinate Chapters until 1824, and the R. W. Grand Lodge at this time granted authority to lodges to establish Royal Arch Chapters; which Chapters held their meetings and performed their labors under the sanction of the Charter of the Lodge.

At the stated meeting of the Lodge, held December 14, 1808, the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden declining reëlection, Bro. P. M. Wm. Kirkpatrick was again called upon to preside over the Lodge. Bro. Jeremiah Mosher was elected Senior Warden; Bro. Wm. Hamilton, Junior Warden, and Bro. Egbert Taylor, Treasurer.

Five members were initiated during the year.

Bro. P. M. Robert McElwee, who had been appointed to take the necessary steps for securing the authority to form a Royal Arch

Chapter, obtained the coöperation of the following Royal Arch Masons: Andrew Nelson, John G. Bull, Christian Sheets, and Pennel Beale, of Philadelphia; James Kelton and James Banes, of Chester county; Jonas Preston, of Delaware; John Orr, of Harrisburg, and Robert Gibbs, of Lancaster: and, having petitioned the R. W. Grand Lodge for the authority, received the same on March 1, 1809. An extra meeting of Lodge No. 43 was convened on the evening of March 2d, and Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., was then and there organized.

All the expenses incurred in establishing the Chapter were paid out of the treasury of the Lodge, and so long as the Chapter held its existence under the warrant of the Lodge, the Treasurer of the Lodge managed the finances of both bodies, designating the separate accounts as of the "Blue Lodge" and of the "Red Lodge."

The Chapter continued to meet and work under the charter of the Lodge until February, 1826, when they received a warrant from the Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania.

In April, 1809, the tenants occupying the Lodge rooms vacated them. At an extra meeting held May 30th, it was resolved "that the next stated meeting of this Lodge be held in the Lodge Room over the Market House." Accordingly the Lodge was removed to its own hall, and the stated meeting of June 14, 1809, was held therein. The wanderings of the Lodge were over. In its own appropriate home it has continued to meet for the past seventy-six years.

Owing to the difficulties and inconveniences in traveling in those times (there being no railroads), it was almost impossible for members living at a distance from Philadelphia to attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge. It was therefore the custom to select some brother Mason residing in Philadelphia to act as proxy and representative. Bro. Thomas Hennessy was the proxy and representative of Lodge No. 43 at this time.

The officers of the Lodge were all reëlected at the June meeting.

On St. John's day, June 24th, the brethren indulged in a public procession, in which they were joined by a number of brethren from the other Lodges of the county.

The following extract from the minutes of the May meeting explains who were the participants and how they were clothed:

> On Motion and Seconded, agreed, that the W. M. be requested to write letters of invitation to the Worshipful Masters of Lodge No. 46 at

Ephrata, and Lodge No. 104 at Leacock township, and send them a number of blank requests (for them to give to such as they think proper) to attend at a procession of Lodge No. 43, on St. John's day next, (the 24th of June) and to mention in particular, that every visitor must bring his printed Notice with him or he can not be admitted. Also, that every visiting B^{r} must furnish himself with an apron, white gloves, and Blue Sash, agreeable to his grade.

At this same meeting it was agreed that the Tyler be instructed to inform the absent brethren that they are to furnish themselves with aprons, white gloves, and blue sash at their own expense.

The clothing used at this time in funeral processions of deceased members was black dress suit, white sash, crape on the arm, white gloves, and a sprig of evergreen. Each brother was required to provide his own outfit. On Saturday, August 5th, the brethren, clothed as above, attended the funeral of their deceased Brother, Col. Wilder Bevans.

The election in December resulted as follows: Bro. Jeremiah Mosher, W. M.; Bro. Wm. Hamilton, S. W.; and Bro. Wm. Pitt Atlee, J. W.

The year 1809 had been a prosperous one for the Lodge.

Eleven members were initiated, five admitted, two withdrew, one died, and one was expelled.

A number of special meetings were found necessary during the year, in order to accomplish the unusual amount of work. The Brethren did not fail to enjoy the fruits of prosperity, for we find on several occasions during the year they indulged in Lodge suppers. We present two accounts of these occasions (*verbatim et literatim*):

Lodge No. 43.

1809	To Robert Wilson,	Dr.
January 31st.	To 28 Suppers @ $\frac{50}{100}$ eac.....	$14.00
" "	10 Bottles wine.....	10.00
		$24.00

The Gentlemen of the Lodge:

To Robt. Wilson,

To 4lb. of candles.....	£0.16.0
To 16 gils. wine and brandy at the time fixing the Certins.....	0.15.0
To one Supper from 20 to 24 gentlemen. Col^{n} Moser in the chare.....	3.15.0
April 12th, 1809.	5.6.0

Lodge No. 43.
1809.

To Robert Wilson Dr.

January 31st To 28 Suppers @ 50/100 each — $14.00
" " 10 Bottles Wine — — — — 10.00

Recvd the above in full — 13 February $24.00

Robt. Wilson

Brother Egbert Taylor Treasurer of Lodge No. 43, — — — — — — —

You are hereby directed to pay Bro. Robert Wilson the above Bill, it being the Expences of an extra night of Lodge 43. as directed By the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for which sum they are allow us a Credit at the next settlement of our Grand Lodge dues —

by order of the Rt Worshipfull Grand Master &c &c

Wm Herbpatrick Master
of Lodge No 43

REPRODUCTION OF AN OLD BILL, WITH MEMORANDUM OF CREDIT ATTACHED

The year 1810 was an uneventful one. Six new members were added to the Lodge, five being by initiation and one by election. The records show two to have been suspended. At the stated meetings for June and December the officers of the Lodge were reëlected, and Bro. Henry Antes was appointed Secretary. At this time the east or corner room was occupied by the Auditor-General.

The minute-book containing the records of the Lodge from June, 1811, to January, 1816, has been lost for many years. As long ago as 1823 this book has been reported as missing, and repeated efforts made since then have failed to disclose its whereabouts. The initiations, admissions, elections, etc., for that period of time, have been obtained from the records of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

At the stated meeting on June 12, 1811, the following Brethren were elected for the ensuing term: Bro. Wm. Hamilton, W. M.; Bro. Wm. Kirkpatrick, S. W.; Bro. Jeremiah Mosher, J. W.; Bro. Egbert Taylor, Treasurer, and Bro. Henry Antes, Secretary. At the December meeting Bro. Hamilton was reëlected W. M.; Bro. Jere. Mosher was elected S. W.; Bro. Sam'l Humes, J. W., and the Treasurer and Secretary were reëlected.

During the year 1811 seven members were initiated, two admitted, and one withdrew.

At the meeting of the Lodge held December 30, 1811, John Banister Gibson, LL.D., was admitted a member of the Lodge. He was a Fellow Craft Mason, and was the same evening raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He also became a member of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M. John Banister Gibson was the son of Lieut. Col. George Gibson, an officer of the Revolutionary Army, who fell in St. Clair's expedition against the Indians on the Miami, in 1791. He was born in Sherman's Valley, Perry County, Pa., November 8, 1780. He was a graduate of Dickinson College, studied law in the office of the Hon. Thomas Duncan, and was admitted to the Cumberland county bar in 1803. He practiced in Carlisle and Beaver, Pa., and in Hagerstown, Md. In 1810 and 1811 he was elected to the Legislature. In July, 1813, he was appointed President Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and three years after was commissioned an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court. In 1827, he was appointed Chief Justice, and reappointed in 1838. In 1851 the Judiciary was made elective, and he was elected as Associate Justice and served until attacked by his last illness.

He withdrew from Lodge No. 43 on March 11, 1812. In 1814 he became affiliated with Lodge No. 61, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and was elected R. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in December, 1824, which office he filled one year. He died in Philadelphia on May 3, 1853.

The election in June, 1812, resulted as follows: Bro. Wm. Hamilton, W. M.; Bro. Wm. Kirkpatrick, S. W.; Bro. Jere. Mosher, J. W., and the Treasurer and Secretary again reëlected. In December, Bro. Sam'l Humes was elected W. M.; Bro. Nathaniel Lightner, S. W.; Bro. Daniel Lefevre, J. W.; Bro. Benjamin Ober, Treasurer, and Bro. Henry E. Heinitsh, Secretary.

The year 1812 is noticeable as witnessing the greatest number of additions to the membership of the Lodge, of any year since its foundation. Sixteen were initiated, one admitted, two suspended, and one expelled.

At the stated meeting in June, 1813, the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing term of six months: Nathaniel Lightner, W. M.; Charles H. Cordes, S. W.; Stacey Swem, J. W.; Benj. Ober, Treasurer, and H. E. Heinitsh, Secretary, and at the December meeting Bro. Nathaniel Lightner was reëlected W. M.; Bro. Molton C. Rogers was elected S. W.; Bro. John Reynolds, J. W.; and the Treasurer and Secretary were reëlected.

During this year nine members were initiated and one withdrew.

The custom of holding elections for officers twice a year was discontinued this year, and the Masonic term was made to extend from St. John the Evangelist's day of one year to that of the next. We accordingly find the next election held in December, 1814, which resulted in the selection of the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Molton C. Rogers, W. M.; John Reynolds, S. W.; George H. Whitaker, J. W.; Benj. Ober, Treasurer, and Isaac Lightner, Secretary.

During the year 1814 nine members were initiated and one withdrew.

CHAPTER IV

1815–1825

THE opening year of this chapter being included in those of which the records have been lost, we have little of interest to present. The election for officers took place at the stated meeting in December and resulted as follows: Bro. John Reynolds, W. M.; Bro. Geo. H. Whitaker, S. W.; Bro. Thos. Jeffries, J. W.; Bro. Benj. Ober, Treasurer, and Bro. H. E. Heinitsh, Secretary.

During this year ten members were initiated, six withdrew, and one died.

At the stated meeting of March 13, 1816, the Lodge was honored with the presence of several prominent visiting Brethren, one of them an officer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, another was a Past Master from Lebanon. At the invitation of the W. M., Bro. John Reynolds, the brother from Lebanon worked the E. A. Degree upon candidate Samuel Greer.

The Lebanon brother must have been overzealous in the discharge of his duties, and probably the officers of the Lodge vied with each other as to who could best work in the presence of these strangers. For the return of the Philadelphia Brethren to their homes was followed by a "Bull" from the R. W. Grand Master, which stated he had been informed that certain forms and ceremonies had been introduced in carrying on the labors of the Lodge, different from those recognized by the R. W. Grand Lodge. If such were the case, he enjoined, required and directed, that they conform most strictly to all the true and ancient landmarks and forms and ceremonies as approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge, without any deviations therefrom or additions thereto, etc., etc.

This letter of rebuke was not received by the officers and members of the Lodge with any marked degree of humility. In fact it was to them a revelation; for, up to this time, they believed themselves to be in the true faith, and they could not believe themselves to be censurable. A committee, composed of Bros. Hamilton, Lightner, Mosher, Rogers and Shippen, was appointed to draft an answer to R. W. Grand Master Kerr's letter. This was a formidable committee, which, for social standing, force of character and *brains*, could scarcely be surpassed in any Lodge in the jurisdiction; but their cause was not of such a character as to be influenced by any

degree of ability or intelligence. This correspondence could end with but one result, and that not in favor of the subordinate body. The fact developed was, that throughout the jurisdiction there existed a lack of uniformity in methods; and this may be justly styled the first seed of dissatisfaction sown between the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges throughout the State, which in a few years brought forth an abundant fruit of a bitter variety, and which we will chronicle in its appropriate place.

On September 28, 1816, the officers and members of Lodge No. 43, by special invitation of the brethren in Marietta, represented the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and conducted the ceremonies of dedication of the new Masonic Hall in Marietta. The Lodge meeting in that place, at this time, was Amicitia Lodge, No. 116, which had removed there from Elizabethtown.

During this year the Lodge seems to have been somewhat cramped for room, hence we find at the meeting in September a committee was appointed to wait on the Commissioners or Burgesses, and ascertain whether the room adjoining the Lodge room (the east room, then in use by the corporation) could be obtained for the use of the Lodge. This committee seem to have been unsuccessful, for at the meeting in November a resolution was unanimously adopted, appointing a committee to ascertain the correct amount of expenditures in erecting the Lodge room, and to meet the Burgesses of the borough, and treat with them for the sale of our rights and privileges in the same. This committee were also unsuccessful, the hall never passed out of the possession of the Lodge, and it was a number of years afterwards before the Lodge obtained exclusive control of the east room.

At the stated meeting of December 11th, Bro. James Buchanan was approved, and received the first degree in Free Masonry. At this meeting the following brethren were duly elected officers for the ensuing year: George H. Whitaker, W. M.; Thomas Jeffries, S. W.; Jacob Brenner, J. W.; Benjamin Ober, Treasurer; Frederick Hubley, Secretary. During the year seven Brethren were initiated, six withdrew, one died, and one was expelled.

The year 1817 was an uneventful one for the Lodge. Five members were initiated, two admitted, five withdrew, and one was suspended. The officers of the Lodge were reëlected for the ensuing year.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, & Brethren
of Lodge No 43 Ancient York Masons

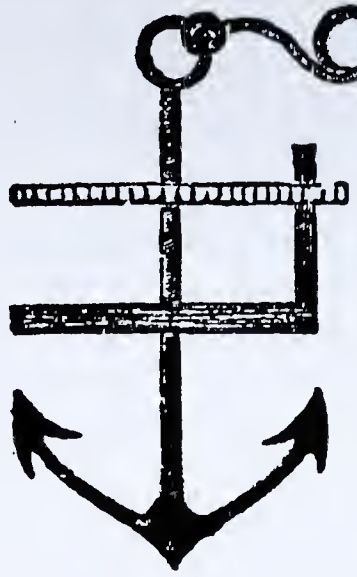
The petition of the Subscriber
respectfully sheweth, that, having long entertained
a favourable opinion of your ancient institution
he is desirous of being admitted a member
thereof, if found worthy

His place of residence in the Borough
of Lancaster, his age 25 His occupation an
Attorney at Law

James Buchanan

Recommended by
Wm Reynolds
Morton C Rogers

REDUCED REPRODUCTION OF THE APPLICATION OF JAMES BUCHANAN FOR DEGREES AND MEMBERSHIP IN LODGE NO. 43, PRESENTED NOV. 13, 1816



To Br.

To Br.

To Br. Wm. C. Fraser,

You are requested to meet the Master and Brethren of Lodge No. 43, Ancient York Masons, at the Lodge Room, in Lancaster, at 6 o'clock, on the evening of the 10th instant.

By Order of the Worshipful Master.

Henry Steinmetz Secretary.

Lancaster, Jan'y 9th A. M. 5816

REPRODUCTION OF LODGE NOTICE OF THE YEAR 1816

At the stated meeting in January, 1818, a petition was presented from a number of brethren, praying the Lodge to recommend to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge, their application to that body for a warrant to hold a Lodge at Chestnut Level, in Lancaster county. The Lodge recommended the same, and the Grand Lodge issued the charter in the name of Washington Lodge, No. 156. A number of the members of No. 43 withdrew for the purpose of forming this new Lodge. Washington Lodge afterwards moved to its own building at Drumore Centre. In 1895 this Lodge moved to Quarryville.

On St. John's day, June 24th, the Lodge had a public procession.

The first step in the movement which brought much trouble upon the Lodge and ended in the loss of its charter, was taken at the stated meeting in November, when the following resolution was adopted, "that a Committee be appointed to meet any Committee which may be appointed by any of the Lodges of this Commonwealth and draw up a petition to be presented to the Grand Lodge for to introduce a regular mode of working, &c., throughout the State, and that they make report, &c." This committee failed to perform the duty assigned them, and it was not until the following summer that the movement assumed any definite shape and importance.

The election for officers at the stated meeting in December resulted in the selection of the following brethren to serve for the ensuing year: Thomas Jeffries, W. M.; Henry Keffer, S. W.; George B. Porter, J. W.; Benj. Ober, Treasurer, and Thomas Yarrell, Secretary. On St. John's day, December 27th, the Brethren, in pursuance of the old custom, dined together. During the year five members were initiated, one admitted, and nine withdrew.

The year 1819 found the Lodge ably officered, its meetings well attended, and marked interest manifested in its proceedings. Among its members were some of the foremost citizens of the time.

The Secretary, Bro. Thomas Yarrell, having removed from Lancaster, Bro. George Beckel was at the June meeting elected to that office for the unexpired term. In the early part of this year some repairs were made in the Lodge room, and the furniture, jewels, etc., were put in order.

This year is distinguished as witnessing the opening of differences between the Lodge and the Grand Lodge, which ended in the vacating of the Charter of the Lodge. Ever since March, 1816, dissatisfaction had existed in the minds of the Brethren with the man-

agement of the Grand Lodge, and with their failure to receive from that body benefits to which they believed themselves justly entitled.

One of the measures which was proposed to be adopted as a means of accomplishing their wishes was the election to office in the Grand Lodge of those in accord with their views, also the adoption of measures for the better dissemination of knowledge. Hence we find at the stated meeting of August 11, 1819, a committee, composed of Bros. P. M.'s N. Lightner, John Reynolds, and Bro. S. W. Henry Keffer, was appointed to correspond with the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, requesting them to appoint committees to attend at the election of officers of the Grand Lodge on the next St. John's day.

At an extra meeting held September 21st, this committee presented as their report a circular letter, which being read was unanimously approved, and the same committee was instructed to have one hundred and eighty copies of this circular letter printed, and when signed by the committee and Worshipful Master and Secretary, to be immediately forwarded to the different Lodges in the State.

The following is a correct copy of the circular letter as prepared by the committee, which was printed and forwarded to every Lodge in the State:

Extract from the Minutes of Lodge No. 43

At a special meeting held in the city of Lancaster, on Tuesday evening, September 21, 5819,

The committee appointed at the meeting of August 11th last, to draft a circular to be sent to the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, reported the following circular, viz.:

LANCASTER, SEPTEMBER 21, 1819.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,

The difference in the mode of working, directed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that adopted and practiced by the Grand Lodges of the Eastern and Southern States, is a serious and lamentable evil, productive of the worst consequences to the craft in general; but still it is an evil not so immediately affecting us, as the different modes of working practiced by the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

That there should be a uniform mode of working throughout the United States, is a matter generally admitted, and certainly cannot well be denied: and for the accomplishment of this object and the better government of the craft in general, we are decidedly in favor of the establishment of a general Grand Lodge, composed of all the Grand and

Past Grand officers of the different Grand Lodges in the United States. To this body should be delegated such of the sovereign and independent powers now exercised by the different Grand Lodges, as would give it a complete control of the institution, and which would enable them to lay down general rules and principles, which the Subordinate Grand Lodges should be bound to carry into effect. In this manner the government of our Order would, in some degree, resemble the plan of government under which we live, and which is now in such happy and complete operation as to excite the admiration and wonder of the world.

But the subject that most immediately interests us, and to which we particularly wish to invite your attention, is the different modes of working practiced in the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This has not proceeded from a disposition to degrade the character of the craft, as might be supposed, from seeing (as is frequently the case) men at the head of Lodges, who are utterly incapable of understanding the principles, nature, and objects of the institution; and others, who, if they did understand, are altogether unable to explain them.—No, it has proceeded from a want of Masonic instruction, and so glaring has been the neglect of the Grand Lodge on this subject, that but few of the Lodges that meet in its hall work precisely in the same manner. But the country Lodges, after paying for and receiving their charter, are suffered to go on in their own way without instruction or examination, and the only matter required of them is the regular payment of their dues, and for which we have never received any equivalent.

As to the visitations which are made by the Grand Lodge to the subordinate Lodges in the City and neighborhood of Philadelphia, we believe them productive of but little good, being principally matter of Parade and Show.

A remedy for this evil has for many years past been within the power of the Grand Lodge—we mean the appointment of Lecture Masters, whose duty it should be to visit the Lodges throughout the State once in every year; and we think two Lecture Masters at a salary of 800 or 1000 dollars per annum would have been sufficient to the completion of this object. This indeed we have been promised but have looked in vain for its accomplishment. And here we cannot avoid observing, that the expenditure of a very large sum of money in the erection of a splendid Masonic Temple in the City of Philadelphia, while this deplorable state of Masonic Ignorance pervades the subordinate Lodges, was not the most judicious application of its funds. Had the erection of this edifice been delayed for a few years, and a few hundred dollars per annum expended in the dissemination of Masonic knowledge, what a different spectacle would the Masonic part of the great State of Pennsylvania have exhibited! Then upon your entrance of a Lodge, instead of being disgusted by attempt at explanations of the principles and emblems of the Order, as incomprehensible as they are ridiculous, the heart would be cheered and the understanding enlightened by a judicious and apt illustration of the moral, religious and scientific principles of the Order.—For Masonry is a scientific as well as a moral and religious institution: And indeed there is

much reason to believe that where the scientific principles of the order are not understood, the moral and religious are but little attended to.

In order to effect one or both of these objects if possible, it is proposed that as many of the Past Masters and Officers of the different Lodges, as can make it convenient, attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to be held on St. John's day next, in the City of Philadelphia.

Upon the receipt of this Communication you are respectfully requested to submit it to the consideration of your Lodge, and to inform us of their determination respecting it.

JOHN REYNOLDS,
NATHANIEL LIGHTNER,
HENRY KEFFER.

On motion, said report was adopted, and the circular ordered to be printed, and a copy of the same to be forwarded to the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Signed, THOMAS JEFFRIES, W. M.

ATTEST.

Signed, GEO. BECKEL, Secretary.

Copies of this circular letter having been sent to every Lodge in the State, replies were received from the following Lodges: Nos. 51, 91, 130, and 139, Philadelphia; No. 61, Wilkesbarre; No. 70, Tyoga Point; No. 83, Damascus, Wayne county; No. 106, Williamsport; No. 120, Tioga; No. 123, York; No. 124, Erie; No. 141, Halifax, Dauphin county; No. 142, Sadsbury, Chester county; No. 146, Meadville; No. 148, Northumberland; No. 159, Danville; and No. 169, Columbia. All of these with the exception of the Philadelphia Lodges approved the circular and endorsed its contents.

Of the Philadelphia Lodges, No. 91 disapproved of the formation of a General Grand Lodge, but approved of the appointment of Lecture Masters at a more convenient time, when the Grand Lodge was in funds. No. 139 acknowledges the existence of "differences and evils," but suggested that the remedy lay with the Lodges themselves. Lodge No. 51, after reviewing the contents of the circular letter, in their reply, proceed as follows:

> Your Committee having taken the above premises into consideration, are of opinion that the beauty and harmony of our Masonic Institutions, would be much improved could an efficient plan be projected and carried into execution, by which a uniform mode of working could be introduced in all the Lodges of our Fraternity. When however they consider, that much of the operations of Masonry are to be carried into effect by oral, and traditionary instruction, it cannot be expected that the same precision in working will be attainable, as if the same instruction was presented in a written or printed form. It is certainly most lamentable to see persons fill the Master's chair—to see ignorant persons, elevated to the

first honors of the Lodge, who are utterly incapable of understanding or explaining the mysteries of our order. It is equally lamentable to view others qualified by nature, and education, endowed with high mental qualifications, who upon being elevated to the Chair, instead of becoming a great and shining light, and irradiating the paths of Masonry, pay so little attention to the important duties incident to their station, and carry on their work in so careless and imperfect a manner, that it is not to be wondered at that considerable discontent is excited.

If instead of accusing the Grand Lodge of want of proper attention, the Subordinate Lodges would be more particular in selecting their Officers, and those Officers attend to their duties faithfully, and diligently, your committee are of opinion, that the Craft instead of falling into disrepute, would exhibit a very different spectacle than that held up by Lodge No. 43; and here we cannot help remarking, and reprobating the language made use of by that Lodge in speaking of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, language in our opinion, reproachful, illiberal, and unjust, and which only can be excused by the zeal which no doubt actuated our Brethren on this occasion for the benefit of our Order; it would however have much better comported with the respect due the Grand Lodge to have tempered their zeal with becoming respect.

We concur with Lodge 43 in opinion that much benefit might be derived by well appointed Lecture Masters, and hope the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will take into their serious consideration the propriety of adopting such a measure.

With regard to the formation of a General Grand Lodge as recommended in the propositions before us, we are of opinion, that it is entirely beyond the power of the subordinate Lodges to originate, and carry into effect an innovation so great, and which if practicable, in the minds of your Committee would be of very dubious utility.

While the grand Land marks of our order are strongly and distinctly defined, although some dissimilarity in working may creep in, yet we do not view this evil with as much apprehension, as the creation of a new superior and controlling power, such as alluded to in the letter referred to us. Under these impressions your Committee submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That Lodge No. 51 does not think it expedient to direct its Past Masters and Officers to comply with the request contained in the Communication of Lodge No. 43, at the meeting to be held on St. John's day next.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to forward to Lodge No. 43 a copy of the foregoing report & resolutions.

Signed, William Boyd, Michael Drury, John Breban } *Committee.*

Philadelphia November 19th 1819.

This communication from Lodge No. 51 having been received by the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43, it was presented and

read at the stated meeting of December 8th, whereupon on motion it was agreed that Bros. E. Wright, James Buchanan, and Wm. C. Frazer be appointed a committee to draft an answer to the same, reporting the same at a special meeting on December 17th.

Accordingly at said meeting the committee presented the following report, which being read in open Lodge, the report and resolutions were unanimously adopted and forwarded to Lodge No. 51.

The committee to whom were referred the letter of Lodge No. 51, at last stated meeting, report as follows, viz.:

That we have seriously considered the communication from Lodge No. 51, and do regret the members of that Lodge have refused to coöperate with this Lodge in reforming those abuses, which at present exist in our Masonic jurisdiction, although they acknowledge that reformation has become necessary for the preservation of the beauties of Masonary.

Had our Brethren of No. 51, proposed any alteration or amendment in the plan of reformation adopted by this Lodge, in their circular letter, or had they proposed a plan entirely different, the object of which would have been the same, your committee would have paid great deference and respect to their opinion, and we are confident that our Brethren of this Lodge would have acquiesced in any plan suggested by those more enlightened in Masonry, which would tend to promote the welfare of the Craft.

But, notwithstanding, we are deprived of the assistance of our Brethren of No. 51, your committee earnestly and sincerely hope that neither this Lodge, nor those Lodges which have expressed their approbation of our undertaking, will tire or faint by the way, but will persevere in the work of reformation, until they have removed those heaps of Rubbish, which during the dark ages of the world were piled upon the Temple of Masonry.

And, while your committee deem it all-important to adhere to *Ancient Land Marks*, we cannot think it consistant with the present improved state of society to adhere to a *jargon*, which has neither sense nor meaning, and which originated in ignorance and has been nourished by superstition.

Notwithstanding therefore the disapprobation of a Lodge so conspicuous in the annals of Masonry as No. 51, your committee are of opinion that the plan adopted by this Lodge ought to be pursued until that uniformity is acquired which is the greatest ornament of our Institution.

Your committee deem it unnecessary and inexpedient at this time to attempt to obviate those objections which have been suggested by our Brethren of No. 51. A time and place will offer for that purpose, and we have no doubt but the zeal and abilities of your Representatives in the Grand Lodge will enable them to remove every difficulty which has been or may be suggested.

Happy would your committee be if we could dismiss the subject referred to us, with the observation already made, but an imperious duty which we owe to this Lodge and to the members of the committee who

penned the Circular letter of the 21st of September last, imposes upon us the disagreeable task of commenting still further upon the subject referred to us. And while it shall be our endeavor to use such language as cannot offend the *delicate ear*, we cannot but express our surprise that the language contained in the letter now under consideration, does not partake of that candor which ought to characterize members of the same Fraternity.

In the communication from No. 51, when speaking of our Circular Letter of the 21st of September last, they say "And here we cannot help remarking and reprobating the language made use of by that Lodge (43) in speaking of the Grand Lodge of Penn[a]. Language, in our opinion, reproachful, illiberal and unjust."

Your committee have examined and reëxamined the circular letter alluded to in the foregoing extract, and we have not been able to discover in it, language either *reproachful*, *illiberal*, or *unjust;* unless, indeed, to speak the truth in plain unvarnished style be considered *reproachful*, *illiberal*, and *unjust.*

The complaints contained in that circular are but too true. Is it not the duty of the Grand Lodge to send visitors and instructors to all the subordinate Lodges in the State to instruct them in the mysteries of the craft? Have they performed this duty? The situation of many of the Country Lodges will give an unequivocal answer to this question. For what purpose do the subordinate Lodges pay their respective dues to the Grand Lodge unless it be to receive Masonic instruction? And to what purpose have those dues been appropriated? Not in communicating instruction to the subordinate Lodges in the remote parts of the State, but in erecting a splendid edifice for the accommodation of the Lodges in Philadelphia.

These are some of the grievances of which this Lodge has complained, and your committee are of the opinion that these complaints are founded in truth and expressed in language not reproachful, illiberal and unjust, but firm and manly, becoming men who act upon the square.

But if the Circular letter before alluded to, had not been expressed in language to suit the *delicate ear* of refinement, your committee are at a loss to know by what authority Lodge No. 51 undertakes to reprove and reprobate.

We humbly conceive that among the subordinate Lodges, all are on a level and no one possesses the power to reprove, censure or dictate to another. Actuated by principles of equality we cannot tamely submit to reproof from an equal, and we are of the opinion that it would have been more agreeable to the principles of Masonry, if our Brethren of No. 51 had examined into the truth of our complaints, before they exercise a prerogative which belongs exclusively to a superior tribunal. Whether the zeal manifested by the members of No. 51 to support the Parental authority of the Grand Lodge arises from filial affection, or from other considerations, we will not pretend to say, but certain it is, that it would have comported much better with the tenets of Masonry, if they had tempered their zeal with less animosity, and more of the principles of our order.

Your Committee willingly concede that it is becoming Masons to submit with meekness and humility to reproof and censure when it is deserved and comes from a proper source; but when it is undeserved or comes from those who have not the power of controlling, it would war with the very feelings of our nature to submit.

In this case submission would be an acknowledgment of guilt. Submission to reproof from a Sister Lodge would admit their superiority and derogate from the dignity of the Grand Lodge, to which alone we are accountable. Your committee therefore deem it improper and unbecoming this Lodge tamely to submit to the reproof and reprobation so freely lavished upon us by our Brethren of Lodge No. 51.

And while we disapprove the conduct of their Lodge, we cannot but hope that the good sense which characterizes the members of it will induce them upon more mature reflection to retrace their steps, withdraw their reproof, and treat those as *equals* who are in no particular their inferiors.

Your Committee would therefore offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Lodge, the Grand Lodge of this State alone possesses the power of reproving and censuring the conduct of the Subordinate Lodges within its Jurisdiction, and that this power cannot be exercised by any other Lodge without a direct and palpable usurpation of the power of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That this Lodge view with regret and surprise an attempt made by Lodge No. 51 to exercise this prerogative which belongs exclusively to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That it is unbecoming this Lodge to submit quietly to the reproof of a Lodge in nothing our superior, and that it would detract from the dignity of the Grand Lodge of Penn[a] to admit such a power in a subordinate Lodge.

Resolved, That the Worshipful Master and Brethren of No. 51 be earnestly requested to withdraw the reproof and censure contained in their communication of the 1st inst. that mutual affection and brotherly love may be restored.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Lodge be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing Report and Resolutions thereto anexed, to the W. M. and Brethren of Lodge No. 51 Philad[a].

During the year 1819, seven members were initiated, two admitted, four withdrew and one died.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: George B. Porter, W. M.; Henry Keffer, S. W.; Joseph Ogilby, J. W.; Benj. Ober, Treasurer, and Geo. Bickel, Secretary.

The committee appointed by the Lodge to attend the Communication of the Grand Lodge on St. John's day (December 27, 1819), for the purpose of advocating the subjects presented in the circular letter, issued by the Lodge on September 21st, having attended to that duty presented the following report to the Lodge at its meeting held February 9, 1820.

To the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster:

The undersigned Committee appointed to attend the Grand Lodge of Penn[a]. on St. John's day last past, beg leave to report.

That in pursuance of their appointment they visited Philadelphia and attended the Grand Lodge of Penn[a] on St. John's day last. That they were much pleased to find the propositions heretofore submitted by a committee of this Lodge to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, approved of by many of the members present and considered by all as well worthy of serious consideration. That your committee submitted to the Grand Lodge the following proposition, viz.:

Whereas it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge to be composed of the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the different Grand Lodges in the United States, would essentially promote the interests of Masonry and conduce to a uniformity in the mode of carrying on the labors of the Craft.

Therefore, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to open and carry on a correspondence with the different Grand Lodges in the United States relative to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be, and he is hereby authorized and required to appoint —— Lecture Masters whose duty it shall be to visit and lecture in the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That all questions, as well as the election of officers of the Grand Lodge, be determined by a majority of votes, each Lodge having a vote.

That the said propositions were politely received and according to the rules of the Grand Lodge, laid on the table until the next meeting thereof.

That resolutions were then adopted authorizing the Right Worshipful Grand Master to appoint a Committee of seven persons, to open a correspondence with the several Lodges on the subject, and to make report at the Grand Quarterly Communication to be held in September next.

That when the said report shall have been made, it be forwarded to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction, and that the 28th December next be assigned for the hearing of the same, together with the propositions submitted by your committee.

Your committee cannot conclude this Report without remarking, that they were treated with every possible attention by the Grand Lodge, and that the utmost harmony prevailed among all present.

Signed,

JOHN REYNOLDS
G. B. PORTER
E. WRIGHT
SAM[L] HUMES JR.
} *Committee.*

The report being read was unanimously approved, a vote of thanks was tendered the committee for the faithful manner in which they performed their duties, and their expenses were ordered paid by the Lodge.

The committee appointed by Industry Lodge No. 131, to answer the circular letter of Lodge No. 43, did not report until the meeting of January 13, 1820, hence did not reach Lodge No. 43 until its stated meeting in February. The following is the report of said committee.

The committee accord in opinion with the Brethren of Lodge No. 43, that a uniform system should be adopted in the manner of working throughout the United States. That every exertion should be made by the Grand Lodge to effect, so desirable an object; which they feel confident will be done, provided proper means are adopted to call their attention to the subject.

With regard to the difference existing between the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania there cannot be a doubt but that it is a "serious and lamentable evil" which has long required the interposition of the Grand Lodge to correct; though the committee are of opinion that many of the objections stated under this head can in a great measure, be alleviated by a more strict attention on the part of the members of subordinate Lodges to their respective duties, and a more earnest desire in the officers of the Lodges, to obtain Masonick Light.

On the subject of the formation of a General Grand Lodge or another power superior to that under which our labors are at present conducted, the committee observe that they have no idea that such an arrangement would be attended with the advantages that appear to be contemplated by the Brethren of Lodge No. 43, but are of opinion that if such a body should be organized for the superintendence or guidance of Masons throughout the United States, as its power must be derived from the Grand Lodges, when the subject is under discussion before them will be the proper time for the subordinate Lodges to instruct their representatives as to the course it is their wish should be pursued.

The Committee approve of the call for the Past and present Officers to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge on St. John's day next, whatever regulations may then be deemed necessary to preserve harmony, disseminate Masonick Knowledge and promote the Interest of the Subordinate Lodges will without doubt be adopted.

It is with much regret the Committee are compelled to express their decided disapprobation of the indecorous and highly offensive manner in which the brethren of Lodge No. 43 have thought proper to express themselves relative to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with regard to their visitations and the appropriations made by them for the erection of the Masonick Hall. It may be necessary here to remark, that at the time the erection of the building was under discussion, and when the vote was taken appropriating the necessary funds to carry into effect the object of the Grand Lodge, every Subordinate Lodge under their jurisdiction had it in their power to be fully represented in their meetings; if the neglect of their duties has been productive of consequences now to be regretted, the fault rests entirely with themselves. The Committee are, however, fully of the opinion that the Grand Lodge have in this instance been governed

solely by a desire to advance the Interests and promote the respectability of the Craft.

The appointment of Lecture Masters, the salaries &c. the Committee are of opinion is a subject altogether under the direction of the Grand Lodge, in which body some steps have already been taken with that view; if the subject should appear to the Subordinate Lodges to have been neglected by the Grand Lodge, the representatives of the Lodges who feel the want of the aid required have it at all times in their power to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject.

It is stated by our Lancaster Brethern that they "think that two Lecture Masters at a salary of eight or Ten hundred dollars per annum would have been sufficient to the completion of this object," admitting for a moment the right of our Lancaster Brethren to think for the Grand Lodge, they have evidently omitted to take into consideration the travelling expenses of the Lecturers which alone would amount to the sum appropriated: it would therefore in the opinion of the Committee be exceedingly difficult to obtain Lecturers who would be willing to give their services gratuitously.

Respectfully submitted by

(Signed) SAM[L] H. WETHERILL
J. W. MURRAY. } *Committee.*

Which report being read and heard on motion and seconded Resolved that the said Report be adopted. Resolved, That the W. Master communicate to Lodge No. 43 at Lancaster the above Report.

Extract from the minutes of said Lodge.

NATHANIEL R. POTTS,
Secty of Industry Lodge No. 131.

This communication from Lodge No. 131 was presented and read at the stated meeting of Lodge No. 43, held on the evening of February 9th, when on motion the W. M. appointed Bros. E. Wright, Jasper Slaymaker and Jos. Ogilby a committee to draft an answer to said communication and report to the Lodge the following Tuesday evening. Accordingly at the extra meeting held February 15th, this committee presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was directed to transmit a copy of the same to Industry Lodge No. 131, Philadelphia.

At a special Communication of Lodge No. 43, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Penn[a], held at the City of Lancaster on the 15th Feb. A.L. 5820, the Committee appointed on the 9th inst. and to whom was referred a communication from Industry Lodge No. 131, dated Philad[a] Jany 13[th] A.L. 5820, Report as follows:

The object of the Circular letter of the 21st of September, from this to our Sister lodges, was to effect a reformation in the Masonic institution in Pennsylvania. The subordinate Lodges throughout the State, were re-

quested to send representations to the Grand Lodge at their Communication on last St. John's day. In consequence of which request, a general representation took place. The plan submitted by this Lodge was received by the Grand Lodge in a manner which has almost insured success. The representatives of this Lodge, agreeable to their instructions, submitted to the Grand Lodge the plan which to them appeared the most likely to effect a uniform system throughout this State and the United States. The Grand Lodge took the same in consideration and adopted several Resolutions upon the subject. Your Committee are, therefore, of opinion, that that which originated in this Lodge, has now become the business of the Grand Lodge, and is actually progressing before that tribunal.

It is not, therefore, in the power of this Lodge, in any manner to interfere with it: and that the Communication now submitted to us from our brethren of No. 131, is immature and can have no effect upon the subject to which it refers. And hence the committee cannot but express their surprise that Lodge No. 131, should have deferred, to this late period, their answer to the Circular letter of this Lodge, which must have been received by them in September last.

Notwithstanding the communication now under consideration, is immature, and cannot effect the subject which is now before the Grand Lodge, yet the Committee are much gratified to find the brethren of No. 131 convinced of the important necessity of a uniform system of Masonry, to be established throughout the United States: and that they fully accord in Opinion with the brethern of this Lodge on this subject.

Nor are we surprized that a difference of opinion should exist, among Masons, as to the proper means to effect so desirable an object. This was anticipated.

A difference of opinion demonstrates its importance, and shews that it is worthy of the most serious and solemn deliberation; such deliberation as it will undoubtedly receive in that August tribunal to which it is referred.

The brethren of No. 131 in their communication now submitted to us, have accused this Lodge with having expressed themselves in a manner "Indecorous and highly offensive" to the Grand Lodge, respecting their visitations, and the appropriation made by that body for erecting the Masonic Hall.

Your Committee are surprised that such heavy charges should be made by a subordinate Lodge, which neither possesses the authority to investigate, or the power to punish; and this surprise is increased when we reflect that the Grand Lodge has held two communications since the publication of the Circular letter of this Lodge, at one of which, the subject of that circular letter was brought before the Grand Lodge and fully discussed. At that time no charge was made against, or censure cast upon this Lodge for that act. And if the Committee mistake not, the very Lodge which now complains of the *indecorous and highly offensive* conduct of this lodge, was then fully represented; and that those representatives not only acquiesced in what this lodge had done, but were amongst the foremost in applauding our zeal in the cause of Masonry.

If our brethren of No. 131 had thought that the conduct of this Lodge had been *indecorous and highly offensive*, why did they not complain to the Grand Lodge, and institute an enquiry wherein the conduct of this Lodge might have been vindicated and the disapprobation and censure of a sister Lodge, which now lies heavy upon us might have been removed? But as our brethren of No. 131 did not there complain, but have thus immaturely expressed their disapprobation of the conduct of this Lodge, we think it our duty to vindicate our actions, although we protest against the power of a subordinate Lodge, in nothing our superiors, to pass a vote of censure upon our conduct.

The committee cannot perceive that the course pursued by this Lodge has been either "*Indecorous or offensive.*" To judge of our conduct it will be necessary briefly to consider the situation of Masonry, as established in our country. It is a fact, which must be familiar to our enlightened brethren of the metropolis, that in all ages and among all nations the internal regulations of different associations of individuals, have always participated of the nature of the government under which they have been established.

The Church, which has existed under all the various forms of Government, which political ingenuity could invent during the last eighteen centuries, furnishes an incontrovertible proof of the position; though religion is the same at all times and among people. Yet no one will pretend to say, that the rigid rules of *ecclesiastical government*, which prevailed in the third and fourth century, or which now prevail in some parts of despotic Europe, would suit the genius of our happy Republic.

As our government is republican, our religious and Masonic institutions must partake of the same nature, or they cannot exist. If then, Masonic government be not a complete despotism, we cannot see the impropriety, much less the *indecorum*, of commenting upon the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; and when sad experience has shown that immense appropriations have been, in our opinion, injudiciously made, we have not arrived at that state of unconditional submission, that we can silently pass over it, and by our acquiescence sanction that which reason says is unjustifiable.

Your committee are far from imputing improper motives to those members of the Grand Lodge, who voted for the building of a Masonic Hall in the City of Philad[a], but experience has fully proved that the appropriation was injudicious and that it is now the subject of regret to a large majority of the Craft in Pennsylvania.

Such a superb and magnificent building was certainly unnecessary for the Grand Lodge, which holds but four Communications in a year. And it might reasonably be expected that the subordinate Lodge or Lodges, in whatever place the Grand Lodge might think proper to hold their Communications, would furnish a suitable appartment for their reception. As to the visitations of the Grand Lodge, they have been such as was represented by this Lodge: and whatever advantages might have been received by other Lodges, No. 43 has received no benefit from them.

It is true, once within the last ten years, a visitation to this Lodge has been made; but no solid advantages were ever perceived to result from it.

Has then, the conduct of the Lodge been "*Indecorous and Offensive*" towards the Grand Lodge in disapprobating the injudicious application of those funds, which are annually drawn from the subordinate Lodges; or in reminding the Grand Lodge of the obligation they are under to the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, and to communicate to them Masonic instructions? If we cannot remedy the past, we hope to prevent the recurrence of transactions injurious to the Craft.

The committee further remark that had the conduct of this Lodge been as offensive to the Grand Lodge, as our brethren of No. 131 *imagine*, they certainly would not have approbated our conduct *in the manner they have done*. The committee cannot discover that the members of this Lodge have ever attempted to "*dictate to or think for*" the Grand Lodge; but to *think* for themselves, we hope and trust that not only this, but every other subordinate Lodge, has a right to do. It is also a right of which they are not yet, and we hope never will be divested.

It does not appear that this Lodge has attempted to fix unalterably the compensation of those who might be employed in communicating Masonic instruction: they have intimated an opinion what would be an adequate reward for the services of Lecturers:—and as to the travelling expenses, which appear to be an insurmountable objection to our brethren of No. 131, we are sure that the country Lodges, seeing *the deplorable state of ignorance* in which they are now placed, and their eager desire to obtain *light*, would without hesitation defray those expenses out of their funds.

The committee cannot close their report without expressing their disapprobation of the course persued by our brethern of No. 131, in criminating the conduct of this Lodge towards the Grand Lodge. If we have transgressed against that body, to them alone are we accountable.

It would counteract the principles of religion and our order, to look with veneration bordering on *Idolatry*, upon those who are only our equals.

To the Grand Lodge, under whose Jurisdiction we are placed, we owe duty and allegiance.

When that August Tribunal shall say we have broken our allegiance, then, and not till then, will concessions be made.

Signed, E. Wright
Jos. Ogilby
Jasper Slaymaker.

The charitable and liberal spirit of the members of the Lodge at this time is shown by the following act: The city of Savannah, Georgia, having been visited by a very destructive conflagration, which was attended with much suffering and distress, compelling the citizens to appeal for aid, at the meeting of February 9th, a committee was appointed "to examine the state of the funds of the Lodge and report if they believe it expedient to appropriate a certain sum for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire at Savan-

nah"; at the special meeting of February 15th, this committee reported the available funds in the hands of the Treasurer to be one hundred and thirty-two $\frac{74}{100}$ dollars, and submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the W. M. be hereby directed to draw on the Treasury for the sum of Fifty Dollars for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire at Savannah, and to take such steps as he may think proper for forwarding the same.

This generosity is more noticeable because of the fact that at this time the country was suffering a period of financial depression, the members of the Lodge found it necessary to reduce the monthly dues from fifty to twenty-five cents, and even found difficulty in collecting that sum.

The election for officers for the ensuing Masonic year, held at the December meeting, resulted as follows: Bro. George B. Porter, W. M.; Bro. Joseph Ogilby, S. W.; Bro. James Buchanan, J. W.; Bro. Benjamin Ober, Treasurer; and Bro. George Beckel, Secretary.

During the year 1820, six members were initiated, two admitted, five withdrew, one died, and four were suspended or expelled.

The earnest endeavor to remedy existing evils in the Lodges of this jurisdiction, which had originated with Lodge No. 43 and had been made with the assistance of other Lodges throughout the State, was not barren of results, for in the early part of the year 1821, the Grand Lodge appointed experienced Brethren to visit the different Lodges throughout the State, for the purpose of inspecting the work of those Lodges and to lecture and instruct the Brethren in the same. Accordingly at the stated meeting of April 18th, a communication was received and read, from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, informing the Lodge that Bro. Tristian B. Freeman, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 51, of Philadelphia, had been appointed to visit the Lodges of Lancaster and Dauphin counties, to examine, inspect and enquire into the state of said Lodges, and their proceedings, and to make report thereon.

Bro. Freeman was present at this same meeting and delivered a lecture on the three degrees of E. A., F. C., and M. M.

At the December meeting the following members were duly elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Henry Keffer, W. M.; Abner Thomas, S. W.; Emanuel Shaeffer, J. W.; Benj. Ober, Treasurer, and F. D. Hubley, Secretary.

The meetings of the Lodge during the year 1821 were well attended; five members were initiated and one withdrew.

Previous to the year 1822 members were expelled for non-payment of dues. In June of this year the By-laws were amended, substituting the word suspended for expelled. Of the eleven members of the Lodge who had been expelled at different times, one only was for unmasonic conduct, the other ten being for non-payment of dues.

The financial condition of the Lodge being still one of depression, the difficulty still continuing in the collection of dues, it was determined to appeal to the Grand Lodge for a reduction of the Grand Lodge dues from one dollar, which it then was, to fifty cents. This appeal was made but not granted.

At the June meeting, a communication from Perseverance Lodge No. 21, at Harrisburg, was presented, requesting the Lodge to join them in a recommendation to the Grand Lodge for the relief of the widow of Bro. Past Master Robert McElwee, a former member of this Lodge. The Lodge complied with the request of No. 21, which applications were presented and read at the next quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge and were referred to a committee of three for investigation, etc. At an adjourned Communication held September 16th, the committee submitted the following report:

The Committee appointed at the last Grand Quarterly Communication, September 2, 1822, to take into consideration the application made by Lodge No. 43, in conjunction with Lodge No. 21, relative to the case of the widow and children of Brother Robert McElwee, late of Lodge No. 21, deceased, and praying the Grand Lodge to grant relief to the widow and children of the said deceased Brother, *Report*,

That they have taken the said communication into their serious consideration, and from information and personal knowledge, they are satisfied that the representations made by the two respectable Lodges are substantially correct.

Under such circumstances, it is with feelings of great mortification that your Committee do not feel themselves authorized to make a favorable report on this application for charity.

It is well known that the income of the Grand Lodge is specifically pledged for the payment of the debt due for the erection of the splendid and expensive building which we now occupy; and it is but too well known that the revenue of the Grand Lodge derived from all its sources, is barely sufficient to meet the debt with which it is encumbered and for the liquidation of which the Masonic faith is pledged.

It is true, a small charity fund has been established by the benevolence of some worthy Brethern, members of this Grand Lodge. As however this incipient charity fund has been altogether a voluntary subscription

from individual Masons, and not originating from any dues or fees paid to the Grand Lodge from subordinate Lodges, your committee are of opinion that it would be improper and indelicate in this Grand Lodge to appropriate any part of this small fund to objects of charity, unless at the particular request of those who have been instrumental in originating and establishing this well intended charity.

Under these considerations your committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge regrets that it is out of its power at this time to grant relief as recommended by Lodges No. 43 and 21.

Wm Boyd,
H. Benner,
D. H. Mason.

Philadelphia, September 14, 1822.

This report was adopted by the Grand Lodge and a copy forwarded to the Lodges interested.

At the stated meeting of July 10th, Bro. E. Wright offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, the present state of Masonry in this Commonwealth, the want of Masonic instruction, the partial Representation of the Subordinate Lodges in the Grand Lodge, and the late rejection by the Grand Lodge of the proposition to establish a General Grand Lodge in the United States, are subjects which require the most serious attention of the members of the Fraternity. To bring this subject fairly into discussion before this Lodge,

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions for the consideration of this Lodge, embracing the foregoing subject.

Brothers Wright, Buchanan, Lightner, Reynolds and Porter were appointed said committee.

This committee at the next stated meeting of the Lodge, held August 14th, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted, ordered printed and a copy sent to the Grand Lodge and to every Lodge in the State. The report was as follows:

The Committee appointed at last stated meeting to make report to this Lodge on the present state of Masonry in this Commonwealth; the want of Masonic instruction; the partial representation of the subordinate Lodges in the Grand Lodge, and the late rejection by the Grand Lodge of the proposition made at a meeting of Masons, held in the City of Washington on the 9th of March, 1822, to establish a General Grand Lodge of the United States,

Report,

That they approach the subject referred to them with that sense of responsibility which its importance is calculated to produce. Whilst they

feel all the respect for the Grand Lodge which the high character of its members is so well calculated to inspire, they notwithstanding consider it their duty, with moderation but with firmness, to state their grievances.—They prize their Masonic rights too highly to suffer themselves to be deprived of them without a struggle.—In the opinion of your Committee these rights have been disregarded in several important particulars, a few of which will now be enumerated.

1. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is, in its most strict sense, a representative body. In that capacity it has the government of all the Lodges in the State; it should therefore shed its benign influence alike over all. Every Lodge throughout the Commonwealth, in proportion to the number of its members, pays the same dues to the Grand Lodge; every one should, therefore, as nearly as circumstances will admit, participate equally in the fostering care of that institution.

These principles we hold to be self-evident; yet a sense of duty to ourselves, compels us to declare, that the Grand Lodge have not been governed by them in their conduct towards the Country Lodges. We receive little or no Masonic instruction from that institution, to which our duty teaches us to look for light. Our money enriches their treasury; we ask nothing in return for it but Masonic knowledge. We often made this request, but always in vain. Our funds have been applied to other objects, in which, comparatively speaking, we have no interest.

2. Other evils which exist, and of which we have just cause of complaint, arise both from the *location* and *organization* of the Grand Lodge.

These subjects are so intimately blended that your Committee will consider them in connection. Conducted in the best and most equal manner, the place of the meeting of the Grand Lodge would be extremely inconvenient to the Country Lodges. This evil was not felt until the State became populous & subordinate Lodges were scattered over its whole surface. Many of these are now distant from two to four hundred miles from their representative body. The existence of the same causes in the State, which are now in full operation in the Masonic body, produced a change in the seat of government. The same effect must necessarily be produced in the masonic government, unless it shall be conducted hereafter with such moderation and fairness as to leave no just grounds for complaint. The *organization* of the Grand Lodge is, however, more ruinous in its consequences to the Country Lodges; than its *location*. If each Lodge under its jurisdiction were entitled to one vote, still the Lodges in the city and county of Philadelphia would have a great preponderance over the Country Lodges; because their representatives could always attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge. When, however, we consider that every Master Mason who has passed the chair, and the Wardens for the time being of each Lodge are members of the Grand Lodge, and are each entitled to one vote, then the preponderance becomes overwhelming. Whilst this system shall continue in force, the Masons in Philadelphia must govern all the Lodges throughout the State.

Your committee confidently believe that it was the combination of these two causes and the neglect to give notice to the country Lodges in

due time, to enable them to be represented, which produced the resolution of the Grand Lodge, "*That the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States and the calling a Masonic Convention for the purpose of instituting and organizing the same as proposed, is inexpedient, and in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, impracticable.*"

On the contrary, your committee firmly believe that a very large majority of the Masons throughout Pennsylvania would be favorable to such an institution.

The jurisdiction of that body ought not, in the opinion of your committee, to extend beyond the most important concerns of the society. It never was intended that it should embrace "the most minute affairs of the subordinate Lodges," as the Grand Lodge appear to apprehend. The whole internal police and government of those Lodges would still remain in the Grand Lodge, as in political affairs they remain in the State government. The Federal Masonic Government should only possess the power of establishing and enforcing a uniform system of work over the United States, and of corresponding with Masons in other countries, concerning the interests of the Craft. Its powers should be analogous to those of Federal government and should embrace only the important and general concerns in which the whole body of Masons throughout the Union are interested. These, and these only, are the powers intended to be granted to the "General Grand Lodge of the United States."

The good consequences which would flow from such an institution are so obvious and so numerous, that your committee will not attempt to detail them. Suffice it to say, that it would produce such a uniformity in working, that any member of any State Lodge would immediately be recognised as a brother by every Lodge and every Mason throughout the United States. Each Mason of every State, in analogy to the Federal Constitution, without changing his mode of labour, might at once become a member of any Lodge in any other State, in the same manner that the citizens of each State are entitled "to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States." Indeed, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by the report which they adopted on the 3d of June last, seem, in substance, to admit the propriety of such a measure by recommending "an occasional convocation of delegates from the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States."

It must, however, at once strike every mind, that such a convention, possessing no power to compel the execution of any measure which they thought proper to adopt, would be of little service in producing any salutary effects. Their recommendations would either be regarded or disregarded, as the prejudices, the opinions, or the interests of the different Grand Lodges would dictate. They would soon sink into insignificance, as every government, whether political or masonic, must do, which has not in itself the power of enforcing obedience to its own laws. The old confederation among the States is a striking example of this truth.

If, therefore, there ever was a subject brought before the Grand Lodge which demanded their most serious deliberation, it was whether a General Grand Lodge of the United States should be established. All the Masons

in the State were deeply interested in the decision of this question; every Lodge therefore should have had full notice of the time when it would be determined, so that each might have been represented, if they thought proper.

The Grand Lodge, however, instead of adopting this course, hurried on to a decision at the first quarterly communication after the meeting of Masons held in the city of Washington. The Country Lodges were entirely ignorant of their intention to do so, and were therefore deprived of any opportunity of expressing their sentiments on this most important subject. Heretofore propositions of much less importance have been made at one quarterly communication, and have then lain over until the next, so that the sense of the whole Masonic body respecting them might be fairly ascertained. Your committee regret that this course was not adopted upon the present occasion.

They however consider it useless to ask for a reconsideration of the question. It will be remembered that on the 21st day of September, 1819, a Circular was prepared by this Lodge, and forwarded to the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, expressing the sentiments of this Lodge on this subject—proposing that, as many of the Past Masters and officers of the different Lodges as could make it convenient, should attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge on St. John's day, then next, in order, if possible, to effect the objects proposed. From the answers of this Circular, it appeared that nearly all of the Lodges approved of the measures proposed by this Lodge. Accordingly, on St. John's day a committee of this Lodge attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and submitted for their consideration the following:

Whereas, it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, to be composed of the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the different Grand Lodges in the United States, would essentially promote the interests of Masonry and conduce to a uniformity in the mode of carrying on the labors of the craft,

Therefore, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to open and carry on a correspondence with the different Grand Lodges in the United States, relative to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be, and he is hereby authorized and required to appoint Lecture Masters, whose duty it shall be to visit and lecture in the subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction.

Resolved, That all the questions, as well as the election of officers of the Grand Lodge, shall be determined by a majority of votes, each Lodge having one vote.

On motion made and seconded, it was then *Resolved*, "That the propositions just read, be submitted to a committee of seven members, with instructions to investigate the subject, and make report to this Grand Lodge, at the Grand Quarterly Communication, to be held in September next; and that the discussion and consideration of the said report take place on the 28th of December, 1820; and that each subordinate Lodge be furnished with a copy of the said report."

The R. W. Grand Master asked time to appoint the said committee, and on the 3d of April following this Lodge were first informed that he had appointed Josiah Randall, Samuel F. Bradford, Henry Baldwin, George B. Porter, Isaac Darlington, James Harper, Jr., and Benjamin Say,—a majority of whom reside in Philadelphia.

On the 9th of October following this Lodge was furnished by the Grand Secretary with a report made by the said committee, unfavorable to the propositions submitted. It appears that the said committee, with the exception of Brother Porter, had met on the 19th of June—that Brother Porter knew nothing of the meeting of the committee, being from home several weeks previous and subsequent to the said date, and the fact of his being absent was publicly known—and that the notice forwarded to him of the time and place of the meeting of the committee was so short that he could not have attended, had he been at home at the time of its delivery. The said committee having thus met, without giving an opportunity to the representative of this Lodge to support and shew the necessity of adopting the resolutions submitted by himself, induced this Lodge to believe that it would be useless to attend further to the subject—being satisfied that a determination had been formed by several members of the Grand Lodge, resident in Philadelphia, that the question relative to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, or, as to any alteration in the mode of electing officers, or determining questions in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, should not be fairly put before *all* the members of said Lodge. In this opinion they are fortified by the late precipitate decision made on the 3d of June last.

After maturely considering the subjects referred to them, your committee can devise no practicable mode of relief for the grievances of which we all complain, except by the assemblage of a General Convention of Delegates from all the subordinate Lodges in this Commonwealth—and therefore submit the following resolutions for the consideration of this Lodge:

1. *Resolved*, That a General Convention of Delegates from the different subordinate Lodges throughout the State, to take into consideration the interests of the Fraternity, and to devise some mode of remedying the evils generally complained of, be recommended to be holden at Harrisburg, on the first Monday of January next.

2. *Resolved*, That this Lodge will, at the stated meeting in November next, appoint three members to attend as Delegates in the said convention, and that each subordinate Lodge be requested to appoint a Delegate or Delegates, not exceeding three in number, for the same purpose.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee of five members be appointed by this Lodge, to correspond with, and to transmit for consideration, copies of the foregoing report and resolutions to all the subordinate Lodges in this State, and to request an answer thereto, as soon as the determination of their respective Lodges be made.

Which report, together with the resolutions thereto attached, were read, considered and unanimously adopted, and ordered that the same committee be the committee agreeably to the third resolution.

A printed copy of the above report having been received by the Grand Lodge, it was referred to a committee of nine, who presented the following report at the adjourned quarterly Communication held September 20th.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, September 20, A.D. 1822, A.L. 5822.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Circular Letter of Lodge No. 43, held in the City of Lancaster, made report, which was read, and is as follows:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to whom was referred the Circular Letter directed to the Right Worshipful Grand Master "by a committee of Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster, being an address from the said Lodge to the different subordinate Lodges in the state containing a statement of their grievances, and recommending that a General Convention of Delegates from the different subordinate Lodges throughout the State, to take into consideration the interests of the fraternity, and to devise some mode of remedying the evils complained of, be holden at Harrisburg on the first Monday of January next,"

Respectfully Report,

That, having assembled to perform the duty assigned to them, a communication from the Right Worshipful Grand Master to Lodge No. 43, in reply to the Circular Letter of that Lodge, was submitted to their consideration, unanimously approved, and the Right Worshipful Grand Master requested to forward the same without delay, when approved by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

That your Committee place much reliance upon the efficacy of the kind spirit, candid statements, accurate details, and earnest exhortation of the above mentioned communication, to restore Lodge No. 43 to a just and lasting sense of its masonic duty: and although anxious and determined to maintain the paramount and inherent sovereignty and dignity of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, they wish to scrupulously avoid any hasty or vindictive severity. They, therefore, beg leave to offer, and recommend for adoption, the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge view with extreme regret and decided disapprobation, the conduct of Lodge No. 43, as made known to them by the Circular addressed to the Right Worshipful Grand Master; and that they only refrain, until the first Monday in November next, from an exercise of their constitutional power to vacate the warrant of said Lodge, in the expectation that a communication from the Right Worshipful Grand Master, conveying information and fraternal remonstrance, will

induce Lodge No. 43 immediately to retrace its steps and return to its masonic obedience and faith.

SAMUEL F. BRADFORD, *Chairman.*
JAMES HARPER,
THOMAS KITTERA,
GEORGE A. BAKER,
ANDREW HOOLTON, } *Committee.*
MICHAEL NISBIT,
H. BENNER,
WILLIAM BOYD,
G. M. DALLAS, *Secretary.*

Which Report was unanimously adopted. And on motion made and seconded,

Resolved unanimously, That this Grand Lodge do highly approve of the calm, dignified and affectionate Letter to Lodge No. 43, just read by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and that the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to him for the paternal zeal with which he has devoted himself to the investigation of the important subjects involved in it.

Resolved unanimously, That the R. W. Grand Master be requested to furnish to the Grand Secretary a copy of his Letter, and that the same, together with the Report of the Committee, be printed, and sent to all the Lodges within this Commonwealth. Extract from the minutes.

These proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge together with the Letter of the R. W. Grand Master were forwarded to Lodge No. 43. The following is a copy of the Letter of the Grand Secretary accompanying the same:

PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 28, 1822.

W. SIR & BROTHER,

The R. W. Grand Master requests that you will, with as little delay as possible, convene Lodge No. 43 and lay the annexed Report and inclosed letter before it.

With sentiments of respect I remain W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE A. BAKER, *Grand Sec'ry.*

Brother HENRY KEFFER, W. M. of Lodge No. 43.

The Letter of the R. W. Grand Master which was enclosed was as follows:*

* This letter is not upon the records of the Lodge.

To the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethern of Lodge 43, held in the city of Lancaster:

Brethren, With pain and regret, I have received a Communication from your Lodge, dated the 21st of August last, enclosing a report, adopted by the Lodges, at its stated meeting in that month.

The complaints it enumerates, the manner in which they are detailed and the remedy it proposes too plainly indicate an alienation of feeling on your part towards the Grand Lodge, that, I think, could not be justified by any course of conduct it might pursue.

By the Great Masonic Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and as far as my knowledge extends, by every other Grand Lodge either in Europe or the United States, "the Grand Lodge has an inherent power and authority to make local ordinances and new regulations, as well as to amend and explain the old ones, for their own particular benefit and the good of Masonry in general," "for the members of every Grand Lodge are the true representatives of all the fraternity in communication, and are an absolute and independent body, with legislative authority; provided as aforesaid, that the Grand Masonic Constitution be never violated nor any of the old land-marks removed." The same Charter declares "that the main business of the Grand Lodge, whether at quarterly communications or other meetings, is seriously to discourse and sedately to consider, transact and settle ALL MATTERS *that concern the prosperity of the Craft and the fraternity in general* or PRIVATE LODGES and SINGLE BROTHERS in particular.

Obedience to these principles, is the cardinal duty of the Order. Every Master Mason is bound by the strongest ties, that human ingenuity, under the blessing of Providence, has ever yet devised, to maintain and support them. They impose an obligation from which we cannot be relieved, even though the whole Masonic family, by one unanimous acclamation, should decree it; they prescribe a duty we owe to our brethern, our consciences and our God, and which, without guilt, can neither be evaded nor set at defiance. What then my brethern is the measure you have propounded? A Convention of Delegates "to take into consideration the interest of the fraternity and to devise some mode of remedying the evils" and grievances, under which the subordinate Lodges labour, by means of the organization, the location & the general system adopted by the Grand Lodge. The only legitimate body in which any of these grievances (if they do exist) could be relieved, is the Grand Lodge itself. It is an absolute and independent body, endowed with legislative authority, to apply a remedy to all evils that do now or may hereafter exist, and the assemblage of any other persons, to review or pass upon its measures, is a direct and unequivocal infringement of its rights, and an absolute denial of its Supremacy over the Craft. I trust, this is a view of the subject that has not yet presented itself to your minds, because, if you agree in opinion with me, on this point, and I know not, how we can differ, there will be, on your part, a prompt relinquishment of the proposed convention, as I know you would not persevere in any course, which, you believed, was inconsistent with the solemn duties and obligations you

have undertaken to perform. I urge these considerations more strongly, because, on a former occasion, you protested against the power of a subordinate Lodge, in nothing your superiors, possessing neither the authority to investigate nor the power to punish, to pass a vote of censure upon your conduct; and at the same time you declare that to the Grand Lodge, under whose jurisdiction you were placed, you owed "duty and allegiance," and "when that August Tribunal shall say," you "have broken" your "allegiance, then, and not till then, will concessions be made."

If then the power of a coequal subordinate Lodge, to pass upon or censure the conduct of a sister Lodge, be denied, how much stronger does the principle apply to a subordinate Lodge, asserting its right to review the whole course of the proceedings of the supreme Masonic authority, to whom they owe obedience and fidelity unlimited, within the ancient land-marks, and from whom they have derived and continue to enjoy their very existence?

Waiving, for the present, the right to assemble, let us enter into a friendly and dispassionate examination of the alleged grievances. I will promise, that no Lodge, under our jurisdiction, has ever made any serious complaint to the Grand Lodge of its proceeding, except Lodge No. 43. While we have too often witnessed in you the most decisive evidence of hostility and opposition to our measures, the other Lodges have displayed, in their intercourse with the Grand Lodge, the most warm and sincere affection for the parent authority, and the most scrupulous obedience to its directions. That, such feelings may continue to govern them and shortly pervade your councils, is my most anxious desire.

The organization of the Grand Lodge does not receive your approbation. I would remark that the present organization of the Grand Lodge is the same that has subsisted for ages both in Europe and the United States. A subordinate Lodge is represented by its Worshipful Master and Wardens; the "Lodge when duly congregated, have the privilege of instructing their Master and Wardens for their conduct in the Grand Lodge," but the Past Masters have always holden seats in the Grand Lodge as "the true representatives of all the fraternity," and the right to disfranchise them might be well questioned, even if not totally denied. It is a privilege conferred on them, as a reward for their labour and services in promoting the interests of the craft, and none are more interested in preserving the ancient Usages than the Craft itself, as the disfranchisement of the Past Masters must deprive the Grand Lodge of a large portion of its Masonic intellect and experience. The injustice of giving the Past Masters and officers of each Lodge but *one* vote is equally obvious. It would amount, in a great degree, to a virtual disfranchisement of the Past Masters; it would place the oldest and most numerous Lodge on a level with the youngest and smallest in number; it would be a stimulus to large Lodges to subdivide, in order to gain the ascendancy; and every five master masons, who could obtain a warrant, would have the same influence with a Lodge valued for its antiquity, its numbers and zeal in the interests of the craft. The complaint against the present system is, that

there is not an equitable distribution of power, and the result of the alteration would, like its cause, naturally end in a contest for power, and be destructive of the good order and harmony of the craft. You refer to the principles of our government and intimate, that the doctrine of representation, in proportion to members, should be adopted; but how utterly subversive of those principles would be a system that would give to five masons just constituted as a Lodge, equal weight with an old and well established Lodge, consisting of from 75 to 120 members. The truth is that if the republican principles of our government were to be taken as the Masonic guide, our present system is much more consonant with them than the one proposed by your Lodge. I cannot forbear to add, that the project of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, as proposed by Brother Porter, in Grand Lodge, on the 27th of December, 1819, contemplated that it should consist of the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the different Grand Lodges in the United States, thereby continuing, in this particular, not only to follow, but even to enlarge upon, the present system of representation in our Grand Lodge.

Another ground of objection to the present Grand Lodge is, its location. It is an important fact, and one that seems to have escaped your attention, that the City of Philadelphia is nearer to a majority of the Lodges within the State of Pennsylvania than the present Seat of the Government. As the oldest Lodges are generally the most numerous, the present location of the Grand Lodge is more contiguous to, and more convenient for a still larger majority of the Masonic Brethren throughout the commonwealth. It is a still more important and conclusive fact on this subject, that a clear majority of the Contributing Brethren of the whole Commonwealth reside within the City and County of Philadelphia. Independent of these considerations, the Grand Lodge ought always to be located in the most populous city. In England, the continuance of the Grand Lodge to meet at York after the South had become the seat of population, and London the great emporium of the kingdom, produced two distinct Grand Lodges, and the subsequent unfortunate division between the Ancient York and Modern Masons. The Seat of Government in the State of New York, has been for many years removed to Albany, yet the Grand Lodge have continued to meet in the city of New York, although the number of Lodges holden in that city, is about the same as those holden in our city; and the number of those, holden in the country, in the State of New York, is seven fold the number of country Lodges in our State. The Grand Lodge of Maryland continued to meet in Baltimore, although the Seat of Government has been removed to Annapolis; and they have recently finished the erection, in the City of Baltimore, of a suitable Temple, in which they now hold their communications. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina still continues to meet in the city of Charlestown, although the Seat of Government has long since been removed into the Interior.

I proceed to the examination of those measures of the Grand Lodge of which you have complained; they seem to be confined to 1st, The rejection of a proposition for a General Grand Lodge throughout the

United States; 2, The waste of the funds derived from the country Lodges; and 3d, The want of Masonic instruction to the subordinate Lodges.

I will not adopt the principle that a body co-equal, much less one inferior, in its authority, has no right to express its censure upon the conduct of the Grand Lodge. In order that we may discuss the grounds of complaint more fully, I will, for the present, concede to you, the right to censure the Grand Lodge, and to communicate that censure in the manner you have adopted.

The proceedings of the meeting held at Washington, (District of Columbia,) were, at the request of the meeting, laid before the Grand Lodge, at its adjourned, Grand Quarterly Communication, held on the 30th of April last, and referred to a Grand Committee, consisting of the Grand Officers and three additional members. The committee unanimously, reported against the proposition, but proposed a substitute, that might perhaps conciliate, recommending a Convention of Delegates from the different Grand Lodges; and that report was, after the most full and mature consideration, adopted, without opposition, by the Grand Lodge.

No suggestion for a postponement was made; you were apprised that such a communication would be made; you did not inform us, you felt yourselves interested in the question, but remained perfectly quiescent, until the decision had been announced. The decision was in exact conformity with the expressions of opinion reiterated by the Grand Lodge, on former occasions, and once when the question had been agitated among the subordinate Lodges, through the instrumentality of your own exertions. No other Lodge, under our jurisdiction, has ever expressed an opinion in favor of a General Grand Lodge, and had it been supposed, that after having recently abandoned the pursuit of the object, you yet wished to express your opinions, ample time would have been given. In your Communication, you state that it was owing to the want of notice to the country Lodges, that the proposition for a General Grand Lodge had been negatived, and that a large majority of the Masons throughout the State are friendly to the measure. I have had recent opportunities of knowing the sentiments of the brethren in the western part of the State, and I never met with a single individual in favor of the measure. The decision of the Grand Lodge was made in the usual manner: it was even more deliberative than that of the highly and respectable intelligent Grand Lodge of New York, who had the communication from Washington laid before them, at the Quarterly Meeting in June last, and, at the same communication rejected the proposition.

As often as the measure has been proposed, a large majority of the Grand Lodges, throughout the Union, have rejected it, and I am not aware that a single Grand Lodge has approved of it, since its last agitation.

I would willingly close on this point, but there is a part of your communication that affects me personally; I mean, where it refers to the conduct of the Committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed to consider the resolutions offered by Brother Porter on the 27th December, 1819. I was appointed a member of that committee, and being the Grand Officer

highest in grade on the committee, according to Masonic Usage, and not as has been intimated as a matter of favor, I became the chairman of the committee, and acted as such until the Right Worshipful Grand Master took his seat in the committee. The meeting of the committee was agreed to be fixed at such time as Mr. Baldwin could attend. I very early wrote to Mr. Baldwin on that subject; he could not fix the precise time when he would be in the city of Philadelphia. At length he was enabled to fix a time, and immediately, on receiving that information, I notified by the same mail, Brothers Darlington and Porter, of the time and place of meeting, and I believe there was ample time for Brother Porter to attend had he been at home. Brother Darlington did attend, though the means of communication to and from Lancaster, are known to be more frequent than those to and from West Chester.

Brother Porter's absence in the Western country might have been well known in Lancaster, but I do assure you and him, not only I, but every member of the committee in Philadelphia, was utterly ignorant of the circumstance; for Brother Porter I have always entertained the utmost regard and friendship; these feelings are so entirely disinterested on my part, that I know not whether they are, in any degree reciprocated. I should have been then, and still shall be pleased, to witness his exertions in the Grand Lodge on this or any other subject; and I do feel mortified that such an expedient should have been imputed to me. The report of the committee was printed; it was distributed among the Lodges, and the same publicity was given which on the last occasion you think would have produced a decision favorable to the establishment of a General Grand Lodge; yet the proposition was rejected without opposition; and I cannot conceive, how you suppose a special notification to the country Lodges, on the late occasion, would have produced a different result. I am the more confirmed in this opinion, when I recur to the minutes to the Grand Lodge of the 27th of December, 1819, and find that, in consequence of your circular of the 21st of September, 1819, circulated throughout the State, there were only *six* country Lodges represented, including those, from whom, Past Masters alone appeared.

The merits of a General Grand Lodge are still open for examination, discussion, and determination. It is in the power of any one of your Representatives, or Past Masters, to bring the subject before the Grand Lodge. I am not, however, aware that the proposed Grand Tribunal either was intended to be, or ever could be confined in its jurisdiction, as you seem to think, to the more important concerns, and to be deprived of its authority, in the most minute affairs of the fraternity. The case of an individual, or the most trifling incident, might, and often does involve the most important principles. In what manner you have ascertained the views of the Brethren who met at Washington, to have been so limited, I am at a loss to know. I think it cannot be drawn as an inference from their Communication, and if we refer to your former sentiments on this subject, we find you contemplated "that to this body should be delegated such of the sovereign and independent powers as are exercised by the different Grand Lodges as would give it *complete control* of the Institution."

The analogy, between our political and Masonic government, altogether fails; the federal government was erected for the protection of the people from foreign powers and to regulate our commercial intercourse with them. Now the intercourse between us and foreign Grand Lodges, is confined to the receipt and transmission of each other's Annual Communications. It never has, nor do I know how, it ever can extend to any other objects. I refer you to an able and eloquent exposition of this subject in the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, adopted on the 31st ult., a copy of which, if you desire, shall be forwarded to you.

The allegation, that has been so often and so confidently relied upon, is the misappropriation of the funds of the subordinate Lodges. On a former occasion you informed the Brethren "that the expenditure of a very large sum of money in the erection of a splendid Masonic Temple, was not the most judicious application of its funds," and you now repeat that your "money enriches" our "treasury" and that your "funds have been applied to other objects" than the diffusion of Masonic light and instruction "in which, comparatively speaking," you "have no interest."

There has been so much error on this subject, that I feel it an indispensable duty to lay the whole truth before you; these disclosures are made with no unfriendly feelings towards you or any other country Lodge, but simply to repel a charge, made through misconception, and without the least shadow of foundation. The total number of Lodges, in the city and county of Philadelphia, is twenty-nine, in the remaining part of the State, sixty-three. By the official returns made to me, it appears the Average Annual gross amount of the Revenue of the Grand Lodge, for the last sixteen years ending the 27th December, 1821, is $6108.57; of this sum the annual average amount paid by the 29 Lodges in the city of Philadelphia, is $3705.84; that of the 63 country Lodges $808.76; the remaining annual sum of $1593.97, being derived almost exclusively from the city of Philadelphia, comprising the rent of the Hall, during that portion of the 16 years, it had been erected and the other contingent sources of revenue incident to the Grand Lodge. The annual interest on our debt has been heretofore $3900, the portion of the Hall not used for Masonic purposes has produced $1800, leaving the Masonic Hall an annual charge on the Craft of $2100 per annum, which sum has been paid by the city Lodges, and an annual surplus sum of $1605.84, a much larger annual sum than has been paid into the Sinking Fund.

The recurrence to so long a period, to produce the average amount, is adopted, in order that no advantage might be taken by selecting a particular period. The same statement, predicated upon the last six years, is still more favorable to the city Lodges. The annual average amount paid during that time, by the twenty-nine city Lodges being $5341.14, and that of the sixty-three country Lodges being $966.09, and the contingent revenue of the Grand Lodge, during that time, having been considerably increased. But the liberal exertions of the city Brethren have not rested. The old Hall, purchased with their funds, produced $7161.70, which was expended in the erection of the new Hall. The Insurance, on the Hall, in Chestnut street, the premium of which was paid out of the

city revenue, at the time of its conflagration, added the sum of $20,433.85 to the same object. The donations for the original erection and subsequent rebuilding of the Hall amount to the large sum of $23,913.74, of which the sum of $60 was only subscribed by the country Lodges for its members. During the last year, a considerable charity fund has been created, by the voluntary donations of the Brethren of the city and county of Philadelphia; and the sum of $2000 has been obtained, from the same source, for the permanent repair of the Gas Manufactory, attached to the Hall. What has even been considered the liberality of our legislature, has been at the expense of the city and county of Philadelphia, and the annual exemption of the Hall from city and county taxation, is a larger sum in revenue, than the whole amount paid by the country Lodges.

The Masonic Hall is, we hope, the pride and glory, as it certainly is the property of the whole masonic family; and when, by such unexampled exertions, the debt incurred in its original erection and subsequent rebuilding, shall have been paid, its revenues will, as you desire, shed its benign influence alike over all the Lodges throughout the Commonwealth.

I have reluctantly entered into these statements, and they have not been laid before you for the purpose of exciting any sense of inferiority. Those Lodges in the country, who have paid their dues, have done all that was required of them, and while they receive our warmest gratitude for their support of our noble institution, it is a consolatory reflection to know, that if we did possess the power, we totally wanted the inclination ever to oppress them. The irresistible result from these views is, that the country Lodges have never yet been asked for a fair proportionment of the mere ordinary expenses of a Grand Lodge, no matter how organized, with or without a Splendid Temple, whether located in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, or any other place, and that they have never contributed more than the sum of sixty dollars towards the erection of the Masonic Hall, either before or after its destruction by fire. I have now, my brethren, in brotherly love and affection, furnished you with the facts drawn from official documents, and I trust, when next you shall hear your city Brethren charged with the want of liberality to the Masonic Institution, you will in truth and sincerity recapitulate the items of this statement, and say "Go thou and do likewise."

The last allegation against the Grand Lodge, is, that it has not given that Masonic Instruction to their brethren, nor paid that attention to their interests that were required by its duty.

During the last year, the State has been divided into separate Districts, and District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed, with the full powers of the Grand Master to grant dispensations, visit the Lodges, inspect their labors, correct their errors and give them all due Masonic instruction and admonition. The appointment for the Middle District, including Lancaster, was offered by me, some time since, to Brother Francis R. Shunk, Esq., and by him, on account of his many private engagements, declined. Since that time I have been waiting only to find a suitable Brother, residing in the central part of the District, to fill up the appointment. The Grand Lodge have established a grand

committee of land-marks for the purpose of investigating and determining all questions relating to the Masonic Constitution, the ancient land-marks, customs and usages of the order. They have established a Board of Finance who have been assiduously engaged in devising the means of paying our debt without oppressing the Lodges; the expenses of the Grand Lodge have been reduced one fourth, while the price of dispensations has been reduced from ten to five dollars. During the month of August and part of September, instant, I have been engaged in a visitation of the Western Lodges, commencing at York and ending at Erie. These visitations were not, as they have heretofore been described by you "a matter of parade and show," but they were employed in the most laborious efforts on my part, to give Masonic light and instruction; how far I have succeeded I leave to the Brethren of the Lodges, whom I visited, to say; it would ill become me to repeat the testimonials of regard and affection I received; but I must add, the recollections of my Visitations will be to me a source of lasting gratification. In the Lodge at York, I announced by intention in the Fall to visit the Lodges in the Midland Counties, and designated yours in particular. I mention this, lest, if I should carry my intention into effect, it might be attributed to circumstances that have since transpired. In the Lodges that I visited, I likewise announced my intention to appoint a Lecturer who should visit all the Lodges for the purpose of assisting their labours.

The Grand Lodge have been equally attentive to their country Brethren, and although the private merit, the exalted station, and the Masonic zeal of Brother John B. Gibson, were inducements to elect him to the station of Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, yet I feel justified in saying a powerful motive was, to gratify their Brethren in the interior, and none more than yourselves. During the present year, you have been visited by Brother Gibson, the Deputy Grand Master.

During the last year a Brother was deputed by the then Right Worshipful Grand Master to inspect your labours, which duty, I understood, he had performed to your great improvement and satisfaction. A few years since, I had myself the honor to accompany a Grand Officer to a Visitation of your Lodge, and if no good resulted from the exertions he then made for your instruction, it was because you showed a decided, though a respectful indisposition, to conform to the old mode of work, as recognized by the Grand Lodge; and, in his opinion, an unjust partiality to a new system, neither sanctioned by antiquity nor authority.

It is at such a period as this, which might be always termed a new Era in Masonry, that you have arraigned the Grand Lodge for neglect and indifference towards their Brethren in the country.

I have thus recapitulated the grounds upon which you have complained. I trust I have convinced you there is no justification for the measures you have adopted, that they are neither authorized by the circumstances of the case, nor if so, are they within the sphere of your legitimate powers. What then, you will ask, is the remedy for oppression, should the Grand Lodge ever exercise it over the subordinate Lodges? It is ample and obvious whenever the case should occur. A clear and

decided majority of the *Members of the Grand Lodge* belong to the country Lodges, they are all similarly placed, they are united by a common feeling, and whenever oppression is practiced upon them, they will, by simultaneous concert, attend at least a single meeting of the Grand Lodge, and secure a restoration of their rights and privileges. There is reason to believe that period has not yet arrived. I fervently hope it never may; but should it ever come to pass, no permanent evil could exist long without the application of an appropriate remedy.

That the blessings of Heaven may descend upon you, my Brethren, the craft throughout the globe, yea upon the whole family of mankind, and that these refreshing blessings descending "as the small rain upon the tender herb and as the showers upon the grass," may secure your temporal happiness here and eternal felicity hereafter, is the prayer of

Your sincere friend and brother

JOSIAH RANDALL, *Grand Master.*

Philadelphia, September 20, 1822.

Lodge No. 43 was convened in extra meeting on October 2, 1822, and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, together with the Grand Master's Letter, were read and referred to the committee which had the subject in charge, to report. At the stated meeting of the Lodge held October 9, 1822, the committee presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted, and ordered that the report, with the resolutions thereto attached, be printed and copies thereof forwarded to the different Lodges throughout the State and the Grand Lodge.

STATED MEETING.—Lodge No. 43.

LANCASTER, October 9th, Anno Lucis, 5822.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Rt. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, accompanied by certain resolutions of the said Grand Lodge, adopted at a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, held on the 20th of September, A.D. 1822, submit to this Lodge the following report:

That we have devoted all that attention to the subject referred to us that its importance requires, and the extraordinary character of the communication would seem to command. And while we express our surprise at the course pursued by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge, we are seriously of the opinion that the same is not only a novelty in the annals of Masonry, but contrary to the principles of our Institution.

It appears that the Grand Master has entered upon the field of discussion with a view to refute the complaints of this Lodge, and for that purpose has laboriously produced a copious dissertation upon the subject of a circular letter addressed by this Lodge to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of this commonwealth, and to all the subordinate Lodges

under its jurisdiction. And although we admire the indefatigable zeal and Masonic knowledge of our Worshipful Brother, we cannot subscribe to his creed nor adopt his principles.

Your Committee do not think this a proper time to enter upon a discussion of those complaints which this Lodge has made, nor can that discussion be carried on satisfactorily by written communications, nor can we perceive that any benefits would result to this Lodge from such discussion; for if we were so fortunate as to convince our Right Worshipful Brother that our grievances do actually exist, and have become intolerable, he might sympathize with, but could not relieve us. And while we duly appreciate his disinterested and paternal affection in condescending to reason with us upon the subject of our complaints, we do most heartily recommend to our Brethren, to persist in the course which they have already begun.

The time will come when everything contained in the Grand Master's communication shall be fully and fairly answered; until then we shall desist from any comments upon the Grand Master's communication, except those parts of it which state that this is the only subordinate Lodge which has ever complained of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and the only one which has ever desired the establishment of a general Grand Lodge.

That the former of those assertions is altogether unfounded, we refer to the words of the Grand Lodge itself, if complaints against the proceedings and inattention of that body to the country Lodges are entered upon their minutes, if not, we refer to the records of Lodges 146, Meadville, 159, Danville, and 21, Harrisburg, and also to a circular from the Grand to the subordinate Lodges in this state, dated October 20, A.D. 1817, and having attached to it the name of the present Right Worshipful Grand Master.

That a great many of the Lodges in the interior of the State are in favor of the establishment of a general Grand Lodge, is an undeniable truth. The evidence of which, under the hands of the officers and the seals of a number of the most respectable Lodges in the State, has been in the possession of this Lodge ever since December, 1819, by the committee who upon that day represented this Lodge.

If all the complaints which have been made, or which were intended to have been made by our sister Lodges, have not reached the ears of the Grand Lodge, it must in a great degree be owing to the remoteness of the country Lodges from the Grand Lodge, or from a supposition (how well founded, we will not undertake to say), that complaint or supplication would be alike unavailing.

The communication from the Grand Lodge, imposes on us a more solemn and serious duty. If the course pursued by the Right Worshipful Grand Master amuses with its novelty, the measures of the Grand Lodge are calculated to awaken the feelings of every member of the masonic family.

That body has declared that Lodge No. 43 shall lose its charter on the first Monday in November next, unless before that time the members thereof return to their allegiance. It would have comported much

better with the tenets of Masonry, if the Grand Lodge had condescended to point out wherein the members of this Lodge has swerved from their allegiance, and called upon them to answer the complaints before the forfeiture should take effect.

The members of this Lodge thought proper to complain of certain abuses which they allege have imperceptibly crept into the Masonic Institution, and to correct those abuses, have recommended a convention in which every Lodge may be fully and fairly represented, and for this conduct we are to forfeit our chartered privileges. If our rights as a Lodge are held by such a precarious tenure, we care not how soon they are taken from us; we most sincerely recommend the immediate surrender of them.

In this happy country where every citizen has an undoubted right to examine with scrutinizing eye the conduct of his rulers; to complain of grievances and to resist oppression; to propose amendments or alterations in the form of government, and recommend the assembling of a body of representatives of the people to effect that purpose, shall it be said that in the Masonic society which is emphatically styled *free*, that liberty is not tolerated, and these principles are not recognized? Shall we, who from our infancy have been taught the language of genuine liberty, and that all men are born equally free; that the power delegated to an individual, or set of men, is for the good of the constituent members of the community, shall we learn a different lesson, and subscribe a different creed, in that society where all meet upon the *level?*

The principles of liberty have been too ably discussed, and too forcibly impressed both in the senate and in the field, to be so easily forgotten; and if at other times, and in other countries, the conduct of our Lodges would have been treasonable and rebellious, we are sure that in the 19th century, and in our own happy country it cannot be so considered.

If experience has proved that the constitution of our Grand Lodge is defective, it might be questioned whether the Grand Lodge has power to amend or alter it. To that constitution the Grand Lodge owes its existence. A grand convention of Masons on the 25th of September, 1786, adopted it, and every amendment or alteration since made, ought to be carefully examined; and surely the Grand Lodge can have no reason to complain, if made amendable to those to whom it owes their existence.

No person ever thought that the ancient land-marks of Masons were violated by a grand convention in 1786, to form a Grand Lodge; and we are sure that no person, who is influenced by the benign spirit of Masonry, will pretend to say that a convention of Masons in 1823, to examine into the proceedings of that Grand Lodge and to endeavor to effect those alterations and amendments to its constitution which experience and a change of times and circumstances may suggest, will be an encroachment upon the ancient land-marks of the order, or a violation of Masonic ties.

The Grand Master appears to admit that a subordinate Lodge has a right to complain of grievances which actually exist, and in a proper manner to attempt to remove those evils. The course pursued by the Brethern of Lodge No. 43, appears to your committee to be the only one which reason can dictate, and which Masonic rules would approbate; a

right to pursue this course, we feel assured is inherent in every subordinate Lodge, and sooner than surrender this right we would surrender our chartered privileges.

The time selected by the Grand Lodge to pass a censure upon the conduct of Lodge No. 43, cannot fail to excite the just indignation of every subordinate Lodge in the Commonwealth. At a special meeting held at the most unfavorable season of the year for the attendance of country members, is chosen as the time when it is to be determined that this Lodge is to be stricken from existence; and that too without notice, without being called upon to defend itself, and without an opportunity of being heard, and by a tribunal not assembled on a regular day of meeting, but hastily assembled, perhaps for the express purpose, and when, we confidently believe, not a single member of the Grand Lodge was present, except those residing in the city and suburbs of Philadelphia.

If these things are done in the Green tree, what will be done in the Dry?

We cannot close this report without expressing our astonishment that the measures adopted by this Lodge should meet the disapprobation of the Grand Lodge.

If the conduct of that Lodge has been fair and constitutional, why shrink from an investigation? If their acts will bear the scrutinizing inspection of a full and fair representation from all the constituent Lodges, they ought not only to approbate the course which this Lodge has pursued, but they ought to seek an enquiry, that not only suspicion itself, but all causes of suspicion may be removed. This disapprobation of our proceedings, expressed by the Grand Lodge, ought to operate as an additional inducement to all subordinate Lodges to pursue the course which this Lodge has recommended.

Your committee would therefore submit for adoption the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That a subordinate Lodge, being a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, has an inherent right to express its approbation or disapprobation of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to complain of grievances when they exist, to propose such alterations or amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, as they shall think proper, and to recommend calling a convention of Delegates to obtain these objects.

2. *Resolved*, That this Lodge will persist in the course which they have commenced, and if possible, will effect the objects expressed in their circular of August last.

3. *Resolved*, That whatever necessity may have existed heretofore for calling a convention, it is greatly augmented by the opposition which the measure has met with from the Grand Lodge.

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to transmit copies of this report and these resolutions to the Grand Lodge, and to all the subordinate Lodges in this commonwealth, as soon as possible.

Ebenezer Wright,
James Buchanan,
Nathaniel Lightner,
George B. Porter,
John Reynolds.



Reproduction of Lodge Notice of the Year 1822

And on motion said report and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

LANCASTER, Oct. 10th, 1822.

Worshipful Sir, and Brother,

The preceeding is an extract from the minutes of Lodge No. 43, which I am instructed to forward to you, with a request that you will submit the same to the consideration of the Lodge over which you preside.

I am, most respectfully,
Worshipful Sir,
Your Friend and Brother,
GEORGE BECKEL,
Secretary pro tem. Lodge No. 43.

Worshipful Master Lodge No.

A printed copy of this report and the resolutions attached was forwarded to the R. W. Grand Master, and was presented by him to the Grand Lodge at its adjourned communication, held November 4, 1822.

The following is an extract from the minutes of that meeting:

The Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge, a second circular, from Lodge No. 43, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the warrant of Lodge No. 43 be called in, and that the Worshipful Master of that Lodge be and he is hereby directed and required, forthwith to return the same to the Grand Secretary.

At the stated meeting of Lodge No. 43, held Nov. 13, 1822, the Worshipful Master laid before the Lodge the following communication, which he had received from the Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

In Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Philadelphia, Monday, November 4th, A. D. 1822, A. L. 5822.

The R. W. Grand Master having laid before the Grand Lodge a second printed Circular from Lodge No. 43, dated at Lancaster, the 16th October, 1822, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the subject; whereupon, on motion made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

***Resolved*, That the warrant of Lodge No. 43 be called in, and that the W. Master of that Lodge be, and he is hereby directed and required, forthwith to return the same to the Grand Secretary.**

Resolved, **That until Lodge No. 43 shall return to its masonic faith and allegiance, and shall be reinstated in its former rights and privileges, the different lodges and brethren under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby prohibited from holding, with said Lodge No. 43, any masonic fellowship or communion.**

Extract from the minutes.

George A. Baker
Grand Secretary.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9, 1822.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & BRO.: In compliance with the foregoing resolution of the Grand Lodge I have to request you forthwith to return to me the Warrant of Lodge No. 43.

With sentiments of Respect, I remain

W. Sir & Brother, Yours fraternally,

GEO. A. BAKER, *Grd. Sec'y.*

Bro. HENRY KEFFER, *late W. Master of Late Lodge No. 43, Lancaster.*

The foregoing having been read, the following motion was adopted:

Resolved, Unanimously, that this Lodge cannot comply with the requisition of the Grand Lodge in the communication just read, and further that it knows of no reason why the Lodge should be deprived of its chartered privileges, and cannot admit under the circumstances of this case, the authority of the Grand Lodge to require a surrender of the same.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the Communication from the Grand Lodge be referred to Messrs. Wright, Buchanan, Reynolds, Lightner, Porter and Smith.

The Lodge also at this meeting selected delegates to represent the Lodge in the Masonic Convention to be held at Harrisburg on the first Monday in January following. Brothers John Reynolds, George B. Porter, and Ebenezer Wright, were appointed as said delegates with authority to fill any vacancy which might occur.

At an adjourned Communication of the Grand Lodge, held November 18, 1822, the following resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the late Lodge No. 43 at Lancaster, be and they are hereby cited to appear before the Grand Lodge on the third Monday in December next, to show cause why they should not individually, be suspended from their rights

and privileges as Masons, until they shall return to their fidelity and allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a personal attendance at the Grand Lodge, in compliance with the above resolution, shall not be required, and that such of the members of the said late lodge as shall on or before the third Monday in December, communicate to the Grand Secretary, their dissent from the proceedings of the said lodge relative to the proposed convention to be held at Harrisburg, on the first Monday in January next, shall be, and they are hereby continued in the full enjoyment of their rights and privileges as Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

A circular from Lodge No. 152 at Easton, approving the proceedings of Lodge No. 43 was read, whereupon resolutions worded exactly similar to the above were adopted for Lodge No. 152. A printed copy of the above resolutions was forwarded by the Grand Secretary, to each member of Lodges No. 43 and 152.

A special meeting of Lodge No. 43 was held on Saturday evening, November 23d, at which the committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge, vacating the charter of this Lodge, presented their report, expressing their disapproval of the action of the Grand Lodge, etc. The charter, however, was forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

On the 26th of the same month the brethren again assembled in their hall. Bro. M. C. Rogers in the chair, and Bro. F. D. Hubley acting as Secretary.

Bro. Buchanan offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting will appoint delegates to represent the members of the late Lodge No. 43, who have been cited to appear before the Grand Lodge on the third Monday of December next, to show cause why they should not, individually, be suspended from their rights and privileges as Masons.

The following committee of five were appointed for that purpose, Bros. M. C. Rogers, Ebenezer Wright, James Buchanan, George B. Porter and Henry Keffer.

On motion it was resolved to hold an adjourned meeting on the second Wednesday of December following.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That a general meeting of all the Masons in the county of Lancaster and elsewhere, who can make it convenient to attend, be held at the Lodge Room in Lancaster on Monday the 9th day of December next, at one o'clock, on business of much importance to the craft—and that notice of the same be published in all the newspapers of the county

and be also forwarded as soon as practicable to the Worshipful Master of each Lodge in this county.

In pursuance of the above resolution and call the meeting took place as directed, and the following is a correct copy of the printed report of the same.

At a large and respectable meeting of free and accepted Masons, holden in pursuance of public notice, at the Lodge Room of late Lodge No. 43, in the City of Lancaster, December 9, 1822, Gen. Henry Hambright, of Lodge No. 46, Ephrata, was elected Chairman, and Dr. N. W. Sample, of Lodge No. 104, was elected Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the Chairman, the several communications of Lodge No. 43 and the Grand Lodge were read; whereupon it was

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed to draft such resolutions as should be expressive of the sentiments of the meeting respecting the unhappy differences between the Grand Lodge and late Lodge No. 43.

The Chairman then appointed Joel Lightner, of Lodge No. 104; Alexander L. Evans, of Lodge No. 116; Lewis Wisler, of Lodge No. 169; Gen. James Caldwell, of Lodge No. 104; Dr. Jacob Moore, of Lodge No. 156; James Sweny, of Lodge No. 169; Gardner Furniss, of Lodge No. 156— Which Committee having retired, at 6 o'clock, P.M. returned and submitted to the meeting the following preamble and resolutions:

The Committee to whom was referred the several Communications from late lodge No. 43, and from the Grand Lodge, make the following

REPORT, That we have carefully examined the subject referred to us, and while we do most sincerely deplore the unhappy differences which now exist between the Grand Lodge of this commonwealth and several of the subordinate Lodges, we do most heartily approbate the course pursued by our Brethren of late Lodge No. 43, held in this place.

A Convention of Delegates, from the several Masonic Lodges in this State, we conceive to be the only legitimate body which can correct those errors that now exist in the administration of Masonic Jurisprudence in Pennsylvania, and we regret that this course has not met the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

We would, therefore, recommend to our Masonic Brethren in this State, to unite in their efforts to restore this ancient and honorable Institution to its former purity. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That this meeting do approbate the conduct of those who have resisted the unjustifiable requisitions of the Grand Lodge, and have recommended a Convention to correct those errors which sad experience proves do now exist.

2. *Resolved*, That the course pursued by the Grand Lodge, in opposition to the contemplated reformation, is unjustifiable and oppressive.

3. *Resolved*, That we will, notwithstanding the opposition of the Grand Lodge, persevere in our endeavors to purge the Masonic Temple

and restore this Honorable Institution to its ancient splendor.

JOEL LIGHTNER,
ALEXANDER L. EVANS,
LEWIS WISLER,
JAMES CALDWELL,
JACOB MOORE,
JAMES SWENY,
GARDNER FURNISS.

Which preamble and resolutions being read, were unanimously adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and copies thereof be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Lodge and the several subordinate Lodges in this Commonwealth.

HENRY HAMBRIGHT, *Chairman.*

N. W. SAMPLE, *Secretary.*

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held an adjourned communication on December 16, 1822, from the proceedings of which we present the following extract:

This being the evening appointed for hearing the citations issued against the late Lodges Nos. 43 and 152, the following communication was read:

The undersigned being appointed a committee on behalf of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the late Lodge No. 43, are now ready and in attendance to show cause &c. and request to be admitted into the Grand Lodge.

MOLTON C. ROGERS,
EBEN. WRIGHT,
HENRY KEFFER,
G. B. PORTER.

Whereupon, on motion, they were admitted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the citations. A Committee of Conference was appointed, and the following resolution was as a result thereof unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge and Lodge No. 43 shall mutually rescind all proceedings in their respective Lodges relative to the matters in dispute and that the Warrant of Lodge No. 43 be returned to them.

The same proceedings took place in regard to Lodge No. 152, at this same meeting.

The charter of Lodge No. 43 was again in the possession of its Master. The old Lodge, after a suspended animation of five weeks, was again a thing of life.

We have chronicled the events of this exciting period of the Lodge's history in the order and manner in which they occurred, without comment, and we now take leave of this unhappy period with this single remark of extenuation:

At these early times, when there were no railroad facilities, when a dollar represented a five or ten fold value of the present time, attending meetings in Philadelphia became events of importance. Hence the Lodges outside of Philadelphia and vicinity were poorly represented in the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and legislation, like the filling of the offices, was largely for Philadelphia. This naturally created dissatisfaction throughout the State. Add to this the misconceptions of the relation of subordinate to Grand Lodge, growing out of this inability to participate in the meetings, and from a want of proper and sufficient instruction, and we can readily perceive why the Lodges outside of Philadelphia should view the Grand Lodge as an arbitrary supreme court, whose rulings and actions they hoped to modify by resolutions and conventions, instead of regarding it as a body of which they were an inherent part, with a voice and vote in all its proceedings.

Reconciliation having been effected between the Grand Lodge and Lodge No. 43, and the charter returned, an extra meeting was held December 23, 1822.

This meeting was largely attended. The committee appointed to appear before the Grand Lodge on Monday, the 16th inst., made report, giving a detailed statement of the proceedings in the Grand Lodge, which resulted in a reconciliation between the Grand Lodge and Lodge No. 43, and the restoration of the charter to the Lodge. On motion, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Lodge be presented to the committee who represented the Lodge before the Grand Lodge.

At this meeting an election of officers, to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, was held with the following result: Bro. James Buchanan, W. M.; Bro. Ebenezer Wright, S. W.; Bro. Rudolph C. Nagle, J. W.; Bro. Benj. Over, Treas.; and Bro. Daniel Fuller, Sec.

At this time Bro. Buchanan was representing his district in Congress, and was not present at the meeting. Worshipful Master Bro. Henry Keffer notified him, by letter, of his election. On receiving this notification Bro. Buchanan sent the following reply in accepting the office.

WASHINGTON, 28th DECEMBER, 1822.

Dear Sir: I yesterday received yours of the 24th instant announcing my unanimous election as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43. For this distinguished honor, please accept for yourself & present to the brethren my most grateful acknowledgments.

You request me to be in Lancaster on the second Wednesday of January next for the purpose of being installed & taking the chair. This

will be impossible without violating the duties which I owe to my constituents & to myself. Nothing of importance has yet been transacted in Congress nor is it expected there will be until after New Year's day. Immediately after that day all the important business of the session will press upon us; in some of which our state is very materially interested. It will therefore be out of my power to comply with your request which would be so agreeable to my wishes as that of meeting my Masonic brethren in Lancaster on the second Wednesday of January next. I hope therefore that the Lodge in consideration of my peculiar situation will excuse my absence until the second Wednesday of March next. By that time I trust I shall have acquired sufficient Masonic information to enable me to preside over so respectable a Lodge as No. 43 without disgracing them or myself.

I should be glad to hear from you soon. In the mean time I remain yours fraternally,

JAMES BUCHANAN.

MR. HENRY KEFFER.

At the extra meeting held on St. John's day the officers were installed, with the exception of the Worshipful Master, who was unable to be present.

During the year 1822, two members were initiated, one admitted, four withdrew and two were suspended.

This year witnessed the beginning of the custom of the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, and to R. W. Grand Master Josiah Randall belongs the credit of instituting this important office in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

At a meeting of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, held January 6, 1812, a resolution was adopted recommending the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters. No appointments were, however, made at that time, and no further action in the matter was taken until 1822, when R. W. Grand Master Randall made the first appointments. On December 27, 1823, the counties of Lancaster, York and Lebanon were apportioned into a district, to be known as District No. 1, and the retiring Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43, Bro. James Buchanan, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master.

The Masonic convention which had been called to meet at Harrisburg on January 7, 1823, was duly held on that date. The following is a copy of the circular report of its proceedings, which was sent to every Lodge in the jurisdiction.

MASONIC CONVENTION

At a meeting of the Delegates from sundry Lodges and other Masons, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held at

Harrisburg, in the Lodge Room of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, the following Brethren present:

Hon. Edward Herrick, Lodge No. 70, E. Wright, 43, J. D. Biles, 144, H. Frick, 144, C. Gleim, 141, Johan Brewster, 149, John M'Meens, 106, Ethan Baldwin, 163, G. R. Horter, 21, W. Holbrook, Gen. John H. Wise, 64, H. Minshall, 159, John De Pui, 153, Jeremiah Rees, 21, John Stanley, 119, I. M'Cord, 21, William Greer, 21, Joel Bailey, 21, J. Brubaker, 141, Dr. Thomas T. Huston, 70, and N. B. Wood, 21.

The Hon. Edward Herrick was called to the chair, and Brother N. B. Wood, Esq., was appointed Secretary. The object of the meeting being stated from the chair, whereupon a motion was made and read as follows:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft certain resolutions expressive of the sense of this Masonic Convention, which was agreed to and the resolution adopted, whereupon the Convention appointed Brothers C. Forward, Wood, Biles, Baldwin and Huston. On motion,

Resolved, That all Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in this place, be requested to attend the meeting of the delegates in this Convention this evening, at six o'clock.

N. B. Wood, *Sec'y*.

Adjourned until that hour.

Same day, 6 o'clock, P.M. The Convention met, in pursuance of adjournment. The Hon. Edward Herrick in the chair, and N. B. Wood, Secretary. The following Brethren present:

Hon. Edward Herrick,	delegate	70	William Myer, Esq.,	delegate	108
Dr. Thomas T. Huston,	do	70	David R. Porter, Esq.,	do	178
Ethan Baldwin, Esq.,	do	163	A. Beaumont, Esq.,	do	61
J. D. Biles,	do	144	John Huss, Esq.,	do	116
H. Frick, Esq.,	do	144	John Stanley,	do	119
Joel Bailey,	do	21	N. B. Wood, Esq.,		21
George R. Horter,	do	21	C. Forward, Esq.,		
William Greer,	do	21	W. Holbrook,		21
Christian Gleim, Joseph Brubaker,	do	141	I. M'Cord,		21
Jonah Brewster, Esq.,	do	149	Samuel Power, Esq.,		
James Wright,		21	William Diven, Esq.,		123
Fred'k Eichelberger, Esq.,			John M'Meens, Esq.,		106
John A. Fisher, Esq.,			John M. Eberman,		21
Henry M'Kinney,			Hon. Rees Hill,		153
Samuel Bryan,			Dr. James Roberts,		21
Gen. John H. Wise,		64	Adam Hays, Esq.,		153
John A. Kurtz,		21	John Zearing,		21
John De Pui, Esq.,		153	Ebenezer Wright, Esq.,		43
John Reynolds, Esq.,		43	Nathaniel B. Eldred,	del.	147
Robert M'Clure, Esq.,		106	Thomas Wallace,		
Henry Keffer,		43	Richard T. Jacobs,		21
T. Kirk, Esq.,			Henry Minshall,		159
John Ryan, Esq.,		121	Jeremiah Rees,		21
			John Buffington.		

The committee who had been appointed in the morning, made report, which was read as follows, to wit:

The committee appointed by the meeting, composed of delegates from a number of the Subordinate Lodges, held under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and numerous other Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity, convened at Harrisburg, on the first Monday of January, 1823, to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the said meeting,

REPORT—That they view with deep concern the differences existing between the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of this State. That being extremely anxious to reconcile all such differences, to establish said Lodges in the legitimate exercise of their proper and respective rights, do respectfully represent to the Grand Lodge, that in the opinion of this committee, and in the opinion of the Brethren generally, as far as has come to the knowledge of this committee, very great dissatisfaction with the rules and proceedings of the Grand Lodge generally prevails. That, in the opinion of this committee, the Grand Lodge, willing to lend an attentive ear to the complaints of the Masonic Family, will not hesitate to consider such measures as may be suggested for the good of the craft, with such due regard as they are justly entitled to receive.

For years past the Subordinate Lodges have had little influence in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. They have paid their dues, as in duty bound, but have received no equivalent for the same. A great diversity in the mode of working in the different Lodges, prevails throughout the State. The committee believe this is an evil of serious magnitude: But this is not all: the Masonic Family of Pennsylvania are, in many instances, excluded from participation in the meetings of the craft, in other parts of the world, by reason of the peculiar regulations of their Grand Lodge. This is an hardship not to be borne. The principles of Masonry are universal, and its privileges should be coextensive with them, else we lose its benefits, and Masonry loses its charms. In full confidence of the justice of these remarks, and to remedy all the grievances complained of by our Brethren, and further believing that a knowledge of our wants will ensure the prompt interference of the Grand Lodge, we submit to their consideration, the following resolutions, with a full reliance on their justice.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall consist of the Masters and Wardens of the Subordinate Lodges, for the time being.

2. That all Past Masters shall be entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, with power to vote on all abstract questions of Masonry; but they shall have no power to vote in any question of taxation, or right claimed by the Grand Lodge over a Subordinate Lodge.

3. That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall have no power to tax a Subordinate Lodge, by dues, dispensation, or otherwise, without the consent of a majority of the whole of the Subordinate Lodges first obtained, either by resolutions of the Lodges transmitted to the Grand Lodge, under the seals of the Subordinate Lodges, or by a personal representation of those Lodges, through their officers in the Grand Lodge, at some regular Grand Quarterly Communication.

4. That each Subordinate Lodge shall have but one vote in the Grand

Lodge, on all questions of taxation or right of jurisdiction, claimed by the Grand Lodge over the Subordinate Lodges, and that each Lodge shall be entitled to vote in the Grand Lodge, either by personal representation of its officers, by proxy, or by a resolution of the Lodge, under its seal transmitted to the Grand Lodge.

5. That no question affecting the rights of a Subordinate Lodge, shall be decided in the Grand Lodge at any other meeting than a regular Grand Quarterly Communication, and not till all the Subordinate Lodges shall have had at least one previous Quarterly Communication's notice of such proceeding.

6. That as uniformity, in the Masonic labors is essentally necessary to advance the interest of the craft, the Grand Lodge shall appoint one Grand Lecturer, yearly to inspect and correct the labors of the different Lodges, who shall be compensated out of the monies raised by dues, from the Subordinate Lodges, or out of their funds, as shall be hereafter settled between the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges.

7. That the Grand Lodge shall have no original jurisdiction as to suspension or expulsion, except over their own members, and that to extend no further than to their privileges in the Grand Lodge.

8. That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has no Masonic jurisdiction over any degrees above a Master Mason.

9. That it shall be incumbent on the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to open a correspondence with the other Grand Lodges of the United States, and endeavor to produce a uniformity in work, lectures and the manner of conferring degrees, that the craft of Pennsylvania may be entitled to equal privileges with the Brethren under the jurisdiction of the other most respectable and enlightened Grand Lodges.

10. That it shall be the duty of the Grand Lodge, annually to furnish the Subordinate Lodges with detailed accounts of their receipts and expenditures.

11. That the foregoing resolutions be respectfully submitted to the Grand Lodge, and the Convention to meet at Philadelphia, in the Grand Hall, on the 25th February next, for their approbation and adoption.

12. That if they should not be adopted as aforesaid, John De Pui, James Wright and N. B. Wood, be appointed a committee to present a copy thereof to each Subordinate Lodge under the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and when a majority shall have substantially adopted the same, to call a meeting of said Lodges at Harrisburg, for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge at Harrisburg, and that the foregoing resolutions, or such of them as shall be adopted by a majority of the said subordinate Lodges shall be inherent principles in the constitution of said Grand Lodge.

C. Forward,
Thomas T. Huston,
N. B. Wood,
Ethan Baldwin,
J. D. Biles.

And said report was read, and the resolutions thereto attached, were severally considered and adopted unanimously.

On motion, the following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the committee named in the 12th resolution, be directed to have printed the proceedings of this Convention, and forward a copy to the Grand and each Subordinate Lodge in the State. On motion,

Resolved, That these proceedings be signed by the Chairman, and attested by the Secretary.

EDWARD HERRICK, *Chairman.*

N. B. WOOD, *Secretary.*

HARRISBURG, JANUARY 7, A.L. 5823.

Sir and Brother—We are directed to transmit to you the foregoing proceedings, with a request that you will be pleased to lay them before the Lodge over which you preside, at as early a period as possible.

We are fraternally and respectfully yours,

JOHN DE PUI,
JAMES WRIGHT,
N. B. WOOD,
} *Committee.*

Worshipful Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 43.

A printed circular of the proceedings of this Convention, held at Harrisburg, having been sent to every Lodge in the jurisdiction, a copy was received by Lodge No. 43, and was presented and read at the meeting held on February 12th.

No further action in this matter was taken by Lodge No. 43.

At the stated meeting March 12th, Worshipful Master elect, Bro. James Buchanan, was by special permission of the R. W. Grand Master duly installed.

The election for officers for the ensuing Masonic year, which was held December 10th, resulted in the selection of the following brethren: Ebenezer Wright, W. M.; Rudolph C. Nagle, S. W.; Jacob Albright, J. W.; Benj. Ober, Treas.; and Geo. Beckel, Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master having notified the Lodge of his intention of paying them an official visitation, the following resolution was adopted at this meeting:

Resolved, That in consideration of the visitation of the Grand Lodge on the 19th inst., there shall be a procession of this Lodge on that day: and that a committee of seven be appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Accordingly the Lodge assembled in extra meeting on the morning of that date. The meeting was largely attended by the members of the Lodge and by representatives of other Lodges. Right Worshipful Grand Master Josiah Randall, Esq., accompanied by his Grand Officers, honored the Lodge with his presence.

This was the first official visitation that had ever been made to Lodge No. 43. On December 19, 1803, Right Worshipful Grand Master Israel Israel honored the Lodge with his presence, but he came unattended and took no part in the proceedings. The Lodge closed its morning session at 1:30 o'clock, P.M. At 2:30 o'clock the brethren formed in procession and proceeded to the Lutheran Church, where they listened to an appropriate discourse, delivered by Rev. Dr. Endress.

Lancaster April 11th 1823

Lodge No 43

to Michael Wemer Dr

to Cherry Coffin for Mr. Cook — 9 " 00
to Digging Grave - - - - - - - 2 . 00
Mess Obert & Hiens Bill for Cloth & Gloves — 3 " 39
Mrs Deans Bill for Dressing the Corps. — 1 " 00
$15 " 39

Lancaster 10th. April 1823.

Treasurer of Lodge No 43.

Pay to Michael Wemer fifteen dollars & 39 cents
By order of the Lodge
James Buchanan - W. M.
Rudolph Siegel S. W.

Reproduction of Bill and Order on Treasurer of Lodge No. 43

The brethren then returned to the Lodge Room, where the Right Worshipful Grand Master exemplified the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees and lectured on the Entered Apprentice degree.

The expenses incurred by this first Grand Visitation amounted to $29.75, and consisted of the following items:

Rev. Dr. Endress,	$ 8 00
Sexton,	2 00
8 Suppers @ $1\frac{25}{100}$,	10 00
Tickets,	2 00
Grand Chaplain (Rev. Clarkson),	5 00
John Michael,	1 75
	$29 75

This visitation was of material help to the brethren and to the

Lodge, and was followed by a noticeable improvement in the proceedings of the Lodge.

During the year 1823, four members were initiated, two withdrew, and four died.

Of the officers elected at the December meeting the W. M., J. W. and Secretary declined serving, and on application the Grand Lodge granted permission to the Lodge to hold a special election to fill the vacancies.

Accordingly on March 10, 1824, the following brethren were elected: George H. Whitaker, W. M.; John Landis, J. W.; and Daniel Fuller, Secretary, and they were duly installed at that meeting.

Up to this time it had been the custom for the brethren to rise on the entrance of Past Masters. This custom was discontinued by resolution at the stated meeting in April.

The Lodge had again become financially embarrassed. The Grand Lodge presented their account, amounting to $501.03, arrearage for Grand Lodge dues. There were no funds to meet this debt, and the matter was finally compromised with the Grand Lodge. The Lodge at this time was in need of aprons, but a report of the Treasurer at the September meeting showing a balance due the Treasurer by the Lodge of $61.94, the aprons could not be purchased. For the same reason an application from Lodge No. 143 for pecuniary assistance could not be granted. Efforts were made to collect outstanding dues, and brethren who were unable to pay the same were recommended to withdraw from the Lodge in order that the Lodge might be relieved from the payment of their Grand Lodge dues.

At the November meeting of this year it was resolved to exonerate the Treasurer from the payment of dues, as compensation for his services, and this custom has prevailed to the present time.

The annual election for officers in December resulted as follows: Bro. Jasper Slaymaker, W. M.; John Landis, S. W.; Washington Hopkins, J. W.; Emanuel Shaeffer, Treasurer, and Daniel Fuller, Secretary.

During the year 1824 five members were initiated and seven withdrew. All of the withdrawals were in pursuance of the resolution requesting them to do so by reason of their neglect of dues.

CHAPTER V

1825–1835

THE year 1825 opened with the affairs of the Lodge in a slightly improved condition. The Grand Lodge debt had been reduced until there was a balance of only $2.16 due that body, while the Lodge was credited with $17.56 in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, John Banister Gibson, Esq., was pleased to appoint Bro. P. M. George B. Porter as District Deputy Grand Master for the district comprising the counties of Lancaster, York, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks and Schuylkill, and the townships of Sadsbury and Honeybrook in Chester county. Bro. Porter's commission was presented and read at the stated meeting on March 9th.

On the occasion of our distinguished brother General Lafayette's visit to Lancaster, in July of this year, a party was given him in Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening, July 28th, which was attended by many of the leading citizens and most respectable and fashionable ladies of the town. This ball eclipsed everything which had up to that time been seen in this city. Of the eight citizens who composed the committee to receive General Lafayette, five were members of Lodge No. 43, and District Deputy Grand Master George B. Porter made the reception speech.

At the meeting of the Lodge held September 14th, it was resolved that a committee of three members be appointed to call upon Bro. Ebenezer Wright and request him to attend the October meeting of the Lodge, for the purpose of conferring the *Mark Master's* degree on such members as may be disposed to receive it. This does not seem to have been the correct method of proceeding, even in those times, to have the degree conferred; at least there is no reason assigned why this excellent idea was not carried into effect.

At the stated meeting of December 14th, a communication from Bro. Ebenezer Wright was presented and read, in which he set forth that he applied "to be discharged from his membership in this Lodge on the 31st of December, 1823," and that he "now asks to withdraw that application and to be restored as a member of this fraternity." On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, In consideration of the high Masonic standing of Bro. Wright, his extensive information and well known zeal for the honor and interest of the fraternity, that he be permitted to withdraw his resignation as a member of Lodge No. 43.

Resolved, That Bro. Wright be reinstated as a member of this Lodge.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on Bro. Wright and request him to take his seat in the Lodge this evening.

Bros. Keffer, Ober and Mathiot constituted that committee, and having conducted this highly esteemed brother to the meeting, the brethren further expressed their appreciation of him by at once electing him their Worshipful Master. The following brethren were elected to fill the remaining offices: John Landis, S. W.; Matthew McKelly, J. W.; Emanuel Shaeffer, Treasurer, and Daniel Fuller, Secretary.

Ten members were initiated and one withdrew during the year. The year had been a prosperous one for the Lodge, and it closed with all the debts, including Grand Lodge dues, paid, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $148.62.

On January 5, 1824, the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, with the sanction and consent of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, assumed exclusive control over the Subordinate Chapters of the State, issuing warrants and exacting dues from Chapters. This met with considerable opposition from some of the Lodges which had obtained authority from the Grand Lodge to confer the Chapter degrees, mainly on the ground that having paid for said authority and the annual dues of the Grand Lodge, they considered it burdensome to now have to take out charters from the Grand Chapter, and pay Grand Chapter dues in addition to the Grand Lodge dues. Several communications had been received by the Lodge, from the Grand Lodge and from Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, of Harrisburg, on this subject, all of which were referred to a committee to investigate and report. At the stated meeting of November 8, 1826, the committee presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

The committee of Lodge No. 43, to whom were referred the communications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of September 5, 1825—June 19, 1826—and September, 1826; and of Perseverance Lodge, Harrisburg, of September 29, 1826.

REPORT,

That they have devoted to the subject that due consideration which its importance demands, and are of opinion that the formation and

establishment of a Grand Chapter, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 5th of January, 1824, was *not* a violation of the compact between the Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

In examining this subject we have been led to inquire, whether the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ever had the legitimate power to grant warrants for holding Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent and Mark Masters; and after a full investigation, we are clearly of opinion that the Grand Lodge never had, and, agreeably to the land-marks of Masonry, never could have that power. The exercise of it in former times, was a usurpation of authority which even the plea of necessity can scarcely justify.

An inquiry naturally presents itself, why should not the Grand Lodge have jurisdiction over Royal Arch, Most Excellent, and Mark Master Masons? We answer, because the Grand Lodge, by the very nature of its constitution, is restricted to the three first degrees of Masonry, and the appendant degree of Past Master; but as the three higher degrees are distinct and dissimilar in their nature, and depend on distinct and different principles, how, with any shadow of common sense, could the Grand Lodge, which, from its organization as a body, can know nothing of the rules, regulations, and land-marks of the higher orders, undertake to grant charters for conferring those degrees? "Suppose a difference arise between two Chapters, who shall decide them?" Shall the Grand Lodge? No: the Grand Lodge, *as a body*, know nothing of their constituent principles, and cannot, under any circumstances, regulate the matters in dispute.—"If unworthy characters, who might gain admission for want of due caution, should attempt to open new Chapters for their own enrolment, or for the purpose of conviviality, who could restrain them?" Could the Grand Lodge? No: according to the land-marks of Masonry they are not under its jurisdiction. But above all, "suppose the established regulations and ancient land-marks of R. A. Masonry should be violated and broken down, where is the power sufficient to remedy the evil?" Not the Grand Lodge, because, as a body of Master Masons, it must be totally ignorant of those regulations and land-marks; and therefore if they are infringed in any particular, how can the Grand Lodge say what is correct, or what incorrect, or how could the matter be argued before a body, one-half of whom perhaps know nothing of R. A. Masonry? From the very nature of the case it is impossible. No man, or body of men, can propagate a science when totally ignorant of its first principles. The only possible way in which R. A. M. can be kept in that subordination and regularity which are indispensable in both higher and lower degrees, is by the organization of a Grand Chapter, and we think the Grand Lodge has acted with candour and prudence by consenting to its establishment.

Thus we conclude that the Grand Lodge never had a right to grant charters for the higher degrees, then how can it have violated the compact with the Subordinate Lodges? We are told by a circular of Perseverance Lodge No. 21, dated "Harrisburg, September 20, 1826," that they hold a charter from the Grand Lodge for conferring Mark, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch degrees, for which they paid *seventy-five dollars*. This we

have no doubt is correct, but how is that a violation of the compact? The 2d article of the constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, guarantees to them a charter in unison with the land-marks of Royal Arch Masonry, *without any charge.* Then why should they complain? They sustain no loss: They incur no additional expense for a new charter: They are subject to no inconvenience whatever in consequence of the change. They also exclaim against the payment of dues to the Grand Chapter; but if that body is legally organized, it has a right to demand dues; and as long as these dues are not exorbitant or oppressive, where is the subject for complaint?

We think we have now established that the Grand Chapter has a right to grant charters and receive dues, then to what compass are the complaints of the subordinate Lodges circumscribed? Merely to this one point—*shall the Grand Lodge, in consequence of the establishment of a Grand Chapter, reduce the fees for new warrants, and also the annual dues paid by members of the Subordinate Lodges?* Were this the question under consideration, we would vote in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge, previous to the 16th of July, 1824, undertook to grant charters for conferring the three higher degrees, and the fees were fixed in proportion; but since the abandonment of that assumed authority, a proportional part of those fees ought, in justice and equity, to be relinquished. A reduction of the annual dues we think ought to be demanded as a matter of right, and, if refused, then we would say the Grand Lodge has violated its compact with the Subordinate Lodges.

While on this subject we cannot but disapprove of the extravagant fees demanded by the Grand Lodge, from the Subordinate Lodges. We admit the Grand Lodge has incurred a very great debt in erecting the Masonic Hall, but this Hall is of no benefit to Masons or Lodges without the city of Philadelphia; and we cannot perceive any propriety in taxing them for its erection. The annual dues paid by Subordinate Lodges are oppressive, and prevent them from accumulating a competent fund for charitable purposes. The object of Masonry is thus in a great measure defeated, and the reputation of the craft materially injured.

Your committee entertaining these impressions offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Lodge No. 43 sanction the establishment of a Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, believing it essential to the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in the state of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That Lodge No. 43, does not believe that the Grand Lodge violated the compact with the subordinate Lodges, by *consenting* to the establishment of a Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

Resolved, That Lodge No. 43 believes that a reduction of the annual dues demanded by the Grand Lodge, would essentially contribute to the advantage of masons and masonry in Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit a copy of this report to the Grand Lodge, and each subordinate Lodge in the commonwealth.

Mathew M'Kelly,
John Mathiot,
John B. Mayer.

In accordance with the last resolution the foregoing report was printed, and copies were sent to the Grand and subordinate Lodges. If it served no other good purpose it at least defined the loyal position of Lodge No. 43.

At the October meeting Bro. David Nathans, "Grand Lecturer," paid an official visitation to the Lodge, lecturing upon the Master Mason's degree.

On November 2d, Bro. John Gillard was buried with Masonic honors, the Lodge being accompanied by a band of music, as was customary in those days.

The annual election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Bro. Mathew McKelly, W. M.; Bro. John Mathiot, S. W.; Bro. Robert Moderwell, J. W.; Bro. Emanuel Shaeffer, Treasurer, and Bro. Daniel Fuller, Secretary.

During the year 1826, seven members were initiated, two were admitted, one suspended, and one died.

On February 24, 1827, the Lodge, accompanied by a band of music, attended the funeral of Bro. John Shaw, burying him with Masonic honors.

At the meeting in April a committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of enlarging the Lodge room, and to investigate the title which the Lodge has in its building. At the following stated meeting this committee reported at length on the sufficiency of the title, and further reported that, "owing to the present state of the funds, it was inexpedient at this time to take possession of the room adjoining the Lodge room, and recommend it to be done on some future occasion." This report was adopted, when, on motion, it was resolved, "that a committee consisting of Bros. Mathiot, Moderwell and Keffer be appointed, whose duty it shall be to procure the key of the room adjoining the Lodge; to determine whether the Lodge room can be enlarged, to ascertain whether the funds will justify the enlarging of the room at this time and if so, to superintend the doing of it." The partition between the two rooms was removed, adding very materially to the comfort and convenience of the Lodge. Up to this time the Lodge had been using wood for fuel; the change was now made, the two wood stoves were sold and two coal stoves purchased.

Some idea may be formed of the struggles of our brethren in these days, to meet their obligations, as well as the expedients to which they were obliged to resort, by the following resolution, adopted at the June meeting:

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee consisting of Bros. Wright, McLenegan and Danner, be appointed, to dispose of the demijohns, glasses, decanters, &c. which belong to the Lodge, and out of the proceeds, to pay a certain debt contracted by those, who attended lecturing in 1825 & 6 and the balance, if any, to pay into the treasury of Lodge No. 43.

On June 14th Bro. John Riddle, a member of the Lodge, was buried with Masonic honors.

The election for officers in December resulted as follows: Bro. John Mathiot, W. M.; Bro. Robert Moderwell, S. W.; Bro. Elijah McLenegan, J. W.; Bro. Emanuel Shaeffer, Treasurer, and Bro. Daniel Fuller, Secretary.

During the year 1827 three members were initiated, one was admitted, five withdrew, and two died.

A large number of the brethren were in arrears with their dues, the Lodge was in arrears with their Grand Lodge dues, besides owing $113.53½ for sundry other accounts, at the close of this year. In the early part of the year 1828, the committee on collection of outstanding dues, &c., made extra efforts to collect the same, the Lodge compromising with some and permitting them to withdraw and enforcing the by-laws on others by suspending them.

At the special meeting held June 19th, Bro. David Nathans presented his authority as Lecturer, duly appointed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Upon being introduced he presented his report of the examination of the minutes of Lodge No. 43, and lectured upon the degrees. It will be observed that his visit partook, very much, of the character of a grand visitation.

At the stated meeting held December 10th, the following brethren were duly elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: John Landis, W. M.; Elijah McLenegan, S. W.; Robert Russell, J. W.; John Longenecker, Treasurer, and Daniel Fuller, Secretary. The meetings during the year were poorly attended, the interest in the fraternity had materially decreased, the anti-Masonic times had begun, and it was no longer prudent or safe to be known as a Mason. But one new member was added to the lodge during the year, while ten withdrew.

The meetings of the Lodge during the year 1829 were very small indeed; no meeting was held in August, and the other meetings were devoid of interest.

Two new members were initiated, four withdrew, and two died. At the December meeting the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Abner Thomas, W. M.; John Longenecker,

S. W.; Ingam Wood, J. W.; Elijah McLenegan, Treasurer, and George B. Withers, Secretary.

At the stated meeting of January 13, 1830, a communication from the Grand Lodge was received, notifying the Lodge of the appointment of Bro. P. M. Samuel Humes, M.D., as District Deputy Grand Master for the Third District, of which Lodge No. 43 was a part.

The anti-Masonic feeling was now on the rapid increase, but few members attended the meetings of the Lodge, the dues could not be collected, the Grand Lodge became importunate for the Grand Lodge dues, the few members who struggled on with the Lodge became disheartened, and at the meeting held May 12th, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to notify the members of Lodge No. 43 to meet here, on this night a week, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of surrendering up the charter of Lodge No. 43 to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

At the special meeting of May 19th, thirteen members and two former members of the Lodge presented themselves. The resolution of the 12th inst. was withdrawn, a committee was appointed to solicit the Grand Lodge to exonerate the Lodge from paying its dues, because of its want of funds, and the brethren were enjoined to be more regular in their attendance upon the meetings of the Lodge.

The encouragement derived from the unusually large attendance of thirteen members at one meeting was destined to be but short-lived. The Brethren did not foresee the bitter persecutions which were at this time having their origin among the enemies of our noble fraternity, and which soon, at the hands of an ignorant and superstitious populace, was destined to break over their heads with the force of a hurricane. The June meeting was very poorly attended, there only being present eight members, including the officers: the Worshipful Master resigned his station and withdrew from membership.

A sufficient number of members could not be assembled to open a lodge until the following December, when eight of the members met and held an election for officers, with the following result: Bros. Henry Keffer, W. M.; John A. Landis, S. W.; John Powell, J. W.; Elijah McLenegan, Treas., and Geo. B. Withers, Sec.

The meetings of January, February, and March, 1831, were poorly attended, and no business transacted. After March there were no meetings until July, when seven members met to confer the Fellow Craft degree upon a brother. There was no lodge opened from this time until December 14th, when nine members assembled, opened a lodge, elected and installed the following officers: Bros. Henry Keffer, W. M.; John Powell, S. W.; Arthur Toner, J. W.; John Longenecker, Treas., and Geo. B. Withers, Sec.

In January, 1832, four members presented themselves, after which no meetings were held until November 13, 1833. These were true *anti-Masonic times.*

The period of time which has been denominated "the anti-Masonic time," was from the fall of 1828 to the year 1838. After the Federal party had collapsed, in 1817, there was no political opposition of any importance to the Democratic party until the fall of 1828, when a considerable party was organized upon the principles of opposition to the Masonic order, which was charged as being the Nestor of the Democratic party. This party had its origin from the anti-Masonic crusade, which took its rise from the disappearance or so-called abduction of William Morgan, in New York State, in the year 1826.

We copy from Harris' Biographical History of Lancaster County the following:

It was a very captivating question with which to make capital for a party. A jealousy always exists in the human mind against that which is exclusive, and towards secret societies this feeling is ever alive. Particularly amongst the people of the rural districts does this jealousy exist the strongest; and with many religious bodies secret societies receive no favor. The Mennonites, Amish, and other such German sects were not hard to be persuaded into a party that had for its object the overthrow of Masonry, and they therefore welcomed the crusade that was being preached against the murderers of Morgan and the advocates of the Masonic iniquity, as they regarded it.

An organ of the new party was started in June of the year 1828, at New Holland, entitled the *Anti-Masonic Herald*, with Theo. Fenn as its editor. This sheet was widely circulated through the county, and the effect was tremendous. Quite a number of those who had hitherto acted with the Democratic party received the new paper, and became converts to the new cause.

The party grew with great rapidity. The most of the German non-residents warmly espoused the cause. In the election held in 1829, the anti-Masonic party swept the county with a considerable majority. From that time for several years anti-Masonic principles in Lancaster county

were in the ascendant. Masonry sank rapidly below par. No longer was a member of the Order free from insult, and they mostly ceased all connection with their Lodges. These were closed one after another, and every Lodge in the county remained closed for some years. Most of the rural Lodges were never again reopened.

Lecturers passed through the country detailing the horrors of Masonry; exhibitions were given in which the different scenes of Masonic initiation were said to be represented upon the stage; and almanacs, both English and German, were filled with cuts representing Masonry in the most ludicrous light. Feeling became more and more intense against the order; and he was a bold man, indeed, who any longer owned himself the member of an organization under such public odium. Most members of the order denied that they were Masons, and it even became matter of insult to charge a man with being a Free Mason.

Lancaster Lodge No. 43, after being closed for a considerable time, was again opened, and members stealthily began to visit it in small numbers, few members of respect, for a long time, frequenting any of the meetings. Robert Moderwell, Esq., Mayor Albright, and Dr. Geo. B. Kerfoot were amongst the most respected and influential Masons who helped to lift the order again to respectability. In 1837 the meetings of the Lodge were small, and those who visited them sought access so as not to be seen by their neighbors. An odium hung over the Order even for years later, and it was not much before 1850 that Masons felt bold enough to hold their public processions as in times prior to the anti-Masonic excitement.

The above account is very accurate as regards the rise and progress of the anti-Masonic craze; it also gives a correct account of the bitter persecutions then heaped upon the fraternity, and which were especially marked in Lancaster county,—in fact, in no other portion of the State was there to be found a population so credulous and so ready and willing to espouse such a cause. But in the remarks relating to Lodge No. 43, Mr. Harris is somewhat in error, as will appear more fully from the records of the Lodge during those years. It will be seen from those records that the Lodge suffered more or less from the summer of 1830 until November, 1833, and particularly from January, 1832, until November, 1833, during which time no meetings of the Lodge were held.

But on November 13, 1833, the Lodge resumed its meetings, which from that time were regularly held, the attendance and interest gradually increasing. The year 1837, of which the writer makes especial mention, was a particularly busy year, for in addition to the Lodge meeting regularly on the second Wednesday of every month during the year, there were also nine special meetings for work, &c., held during that time. It is true, however, that the

popular prejudice against the fraternity still existed, and continued to exist for a number of years afterward, but it was no longer dangerous to life and limb to be known as a Mason, only still imprudent as a business policy.

At a meeting of the Lodge held November 13, 1833, seven members and one visitor were present at the opening of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master laid before the Lodge a communication from the Grand Lodge, in relation to the inactivity of the Lodge and its accumulating dues. This communication was referred to the officers of the Lodge.

A special meeting was held on November 18th, which was attended by nine members, one visitor, and District Deputy G. M. Nathaniel W. Sample of Lodge No. 104, who had been appointed Dist. Dep. G. M. during the time the Lodge had discontinued its meetings. At this meeting two brethren were admitted members of the Lodge, and the election for officers was held with the following result: Bros. Thomas Jeffries, W. M.; Philip Reitzel, S. W.; Alexander Miller, J. W.; John Longenecker, Treas., and Robert Moderwell, Sec.

At the stated meeting held February 12, 1834, Bro. Moderwell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the whole amount of this, and Grand Lodge dues against all the members of this Lodge, prior to the last election of the 18th of November, 1833, the same shall be remitted.

The resolution was referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Barry, Miller and Moderwell, to report at next meeting.

This committee presented the following report at a special meeting, held on the 15th inst.:

The committee to whom have been referred the resolution offered at the last stated meeting of Lodge No. 43, in relation to the outstanding dues against all the members of this Lodge prior to the last election on November 18th, 1833—that the same shall be remitted &c. &c.

REPORT,—that after a careful examination of the minutes of Lodge No. 43, they find—that up to the year 1829, the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, there having been during the year just mentioned (1829) eleven stated and three special meetings, making in all fourteen meetings in that year—but that since the year 1829, until the present time, February, 1834, a period of upwards of five years, the minutes exhibit a most deplorable state of affairs, the real cause of which they decline stating, as it is already well known to all the brethren, and it is with extreme regret they lay before you the facts as they are presented to them from the minutes of the Lodge, which are as follows:

In the year 1830, the Secretary states that at the stated meetings for July, August, September, October, and November, a sufficient number of members did not attend, no Lodge was opened. Here it will be seen that for almost one half of the year 1830, no business was transacted in the Lodge, and in the following year the minutes exhibit a still more desponding state of affairs.

In the year 1831, the Secretary states, that at the stated meetings for April, May, June, August, September, October, November and December, a sufficient number of members did not attend, no Lodge was opened, so that for the year 1831, you have the lamentable fact, that for eight months, nothing was done, and the four meetings which were held this year, were very small indeed; and, as we proceed still further into our examination, we find we have not yet arrived at the worst.

The next year, which was 1832, there is but one meeting recorded, during the whole of this year, on which occasion there was but four brethren present. The Lodge, during this year, may certainly be considered, nearly, if not altogether, extinct.

We have now brought our examination to the last year, which is in 1833; and, we find that the Lodge did actually cease to exist as a Lodge, there being not a solitary meeting during the whole of the year, until the Lodge was specially convened on the 18th of last November, in pursuance of a communication from the Grand Lodge to the late Worshipful Master, the result of which meeting has had the effect of bringing together a few of its brethren, who are now striving to revive the standing and usefulness of this Lodge; which certainly can never be accomplished, should each of its members be required to pay Lodge No. 43 and Grand Lodge dues for upwards of five years,—therefore

Resolved, That the resolution offered at the last Stated Meeting, remitting the dues against the members of Lodge No. 43,—be adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Lodge send a copy of the foregoing to the Grand Lodge, signed by the officers of this Lodge and attested by him.

Resolved, That this report be entered on the minutes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, THOMAS J. BARRY,
R. MODERWELL,
ALEXANDER MILLER. } *Committee.*

This report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Thomas J. Barry, on the part of the committee to whom was referred the circular from the Grand Lodge, bearing date Monday, March 4, 1833, to make reply to the Grand Lodge, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster, and under the jurisdiction of your Worshipful body, respectfully begs leave to state, that they have received

your circular of date March 4, 1833, A.L. 5833, but circumstances of a peculiar of nature, and entirely beyond their control, totally prevented them from acting on it, until November, 1833, when a few of the old members, with some resident Brethren of good standing, met together, under the sanction of the District Deputy Grand Master, when an election was held, the lodge reorganized, and the officers were installed by the Deputy Grand Master.

It cannot have escaped the attention of your Worshipful body, that this Lodge has had more difficulties to encounter, and has met with more violent and determined opposition from the enemies of our order, than an other under your jurisdiction: and to such extremes were we persecuted that it was impossible to obtain a meeting for some years. The consequence of this persecution has been an almost total abandonment of our duties as a Lodge, and an entire neglect of the election of officers for the space of two years, until the present reorganization.

We refrain at this time from entering minutely into our grievances or our difficulties, and will only observe now, that it gives us pleasure to say, that our Lodge is again revived, and we hope will be successful in proving to the world, "how Masons love one another."

In the reorganization of Lodge No. 43, it was found impossible to comply with the tenor of your circular in all its terms, as it is impossible to collect from the members of the late Lodge, their dues. And, to insure harmony and good feeling throughout the Masonic body here, this Lodge has adopted a resolution, after a diligent and mature examination into the premises, by a committee, to remit all the dues, due by members up to November 18, 1833. And this Lodge is perfectly aware that this was the only means of enabling us to resuscitate at all.

Having then on our part acted as was deemed most advisable, under the existing circumstances of the case, and feeling ourselves surrounded by a host of watchful and vindictive enemies, only waiting to avail themselves of any breach they might find amongst us to again draw public attention (and perhaps the indignation of some) upon us, we felt ourselves measurably compelled to adopt that mode of tranquilizing any feelings of animosity that might have existence amongst our body. Having thus acted on our part, we say, with our delinquent brethren (and a majority of whom are only delinquent from their inability to pay) we are compelled to throw ourselves upon the mercy and generosity of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and to ask of them an extension of their fatherly kindness and protection, by a remission of our past dues, and to permit us to commence our operations anew from the date of November 18, 1833. We would further state, in regard to compliance of the first requisition in your circular, which states "that we must remit the annual amount of dues to the Grand Lodge for said members so organized for the year 1832, which must in all cases be paid up to entitle any Lodge to the benefit of this resolution," that this Lodge literally had no existence in that year, and it was only in November, 1833, that it was reorganized, from which date, we are willing to pay, and annually thereafter. Our Secretary will forward you the necessary returns comprizing a list of the present members

with the initiations &c., &c., since our organization, and all such other information as is usual.

Having thus plainly and candidly confessed our total inability to pay our past dues, and assigned such cogent reasons therefor, which will be found in the report accompanying this communication and to which we respectfully beg leave to ask your serious attention,—we subscribe ourselves

Fraternally yours etc.

A committee was appointed to determine how many of the old members were willing to continue their connection with the Lodge. This committee were unable to make a report until the stated meeting in July, when they presented the names of twenty-six former members, together with the names of four applicants for initiation and membership.

The Grand Lodge charitably considered the circumstances of the Lodge and generously accepted their proposition in regard to dues. Lodge No. 43 once again received a new lease of life, and slowly but surely moved forward and upward. The meetings were now regularly held and well attended. The force of the storm was spent; the Lodge had survived the shock and from this time its condition became one of progress. All honor to the brethren who upheld the Lodge through those trying times. With unwearying devotion they anxiously watched its flickering spark of life, and when almost extinct fanned it into renewed existence. We here reverently and with fraternal gratitude record the roll of honor: Henry Keffer, Thomas Jeffries, Arthur Toner, Philip Reitzel, Alexander Miller, Thomas Barry, Elijah McLenegan, George B. Withers, and Robert Moderwell. They have long since finished their pilgrimage here below and have gone to their rewards. But they have left us this inheritance—our beloved Lodge, saved by their unwearying efforts and devotion.

At the stated meeting held December 10th, the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Alexander Miller, W. M.; Emanuel Shaeffer, S. W.; W. F. Eberman, J. W.; Jno. Longenecker, Treasurer, and E. McLenegan, Secretary.

During the year 1834, seven members were initiated, two admitted, and two withdrew.

CHAPTER VI

1835–1845

NOTHING of special interest occurred during the year 1835, the meetings being devoted to routine business, and the entering, passing, and raising of nine new members. At the December meeting the election for officers resulted as follows: Bro. Emanuel Shaeffer, W. M.; Bro. Philip Reitzel, S. W.; Bro. Wm. F. Eberman, J. W.; Bro. Thos. Jeffries, Treasurer, and Bro. E. McLenegan, Secretary. District Deputy Grand Master Bro. Sample not being present, the officers were not installed until the meeting in April, 1836.

Bro. Emanuel Shaeffer declined serving as W. M., and Bro. Robert Moderwell was elected to fill the position. In the month of July, the use of the Lodge room was granted to the Philharmonic Society to meet for practice.

The Brethren feeling the need of instruction, at this time, a communication was sent the Grand Master requesting him to send a lecturer to visit the Lodge, to which they received reply that the Grand Lodge had dispensed with sending persons to lecture to subordinate Lodges for some time back in consequence of the great excitement that prevailed throughout the country. A visiting brother, however, rendered them assistance, and the Grand Master appointed Bro. Thomas Jeffries District Deputy Grand Master. At the December meeting the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Robert Moderwell, W. M.; Wm. F. Eberman, S. W.; Frederick Fick, J. W.; Thomas Jeffries, Treasurer, and E. McLenegan, Secretary.

During the year 1836, nine new members were initiated, one admitted, and two withdrew.

The year 1837 was a particularly busy one for the Lodge, there being twelve stated and thirteen special meetings held during the year. There were twenty new members initiated, one admitted, and two withdrew. The meetings were mainly devoted to work and the record disproves the assertion of the disastrous effect of the anti-Masonic sentiment upon the Lodge during this year.

At this time, and for a number of years later, as long as the prejudice against our fraternity was marked, the brethren would ap-

proach the entrance to the Lodge room by the most circuitous route, and endeavor to glide in unobserved. The windows of the hall were hung with dark and heavy curtains, so that no light was visible from without, and the outside world had no evidence of a meeting being held.

The election for officers in December resulted as follows: Bros. E. McLenegan, W. M.; Geo. B. Withers, S. W.; D. A. Donnelly, J. W.; Emanuel Shaeffer, Treasurer, and John Longenecker, Secretary.

During the years 1837 and 1838, a number of the brethren who had withdrawn from the Lodge during the exciting times just past, made application for readmission, and their prayer was granted on their paying the Grand Lodge dues.

At the stated meeting of February 14, 1838, on motion, it was resolved, that a committee of three members be appointed, to be called the Committee on Charity. The W. M. appointed Bros. Thomas, Shaeffer and Fick said committee. This was the first charity committee ever appointed by the Lodge.

Considerable dissatisfaction manifested itself among the members of the Lodge at this time. A number of improper characters had succeeded in gaining admission into the Lodge, and gradually acquired more or less control over its doings. A number of the officers of the Lodge resigned their stations and places, and finally, at the stated meeting of May 9th, the first attempt was made to establish a second Lodge in the city of Lancaster. At this meeting the following preamble and resolutions were presented and read, and action thereon postponed.:

WHEREAS, It appears indispensably necessary from the rapid increase of the number of members of Lodge No. 43, which at present amounts to sixty-six, being a greater number of members than can be accommodated with seats in the Lodge room at one time, and for the benefit of the Craft generally, we the undersigned members of Lodge No. 43, for the purpose of establishing another Lodge in the City of Lancaster, offer the following Resolutions, which we hope will be concurred in and adopted by the officers and brethren of Lodge No. 43.

And your petitioners will ever pray,

ROBERT MODERWELL,
J. ALBRIGHT,
M. GOLDSMITH,
FRED[K] REINSTEIN,
J. M. HARMANY.

Resolved, That for the establishing or forming of another Lodge in the City of Lancaster, any of the members of Lodge No. 43, who may feel desirous in furthering said object, can cease to be members of Lodge No. 43, by notifying the Lodge of their desire to withdraw.

Resolved, That the following shall be the terms and conditions under which Lodge No. 43 and the new Lodge to be established, shall control and manage such matters and things generally, as may pertain to the respective business of both Lodges.

First. Lodge No. 43 shall have for its stated, adjourned and special meetings the first and second weeks in each and every month.

Second. The new Lodge, to be established, shall have for its stated, adjourned and special meetings, the third and fourth weeks of each and every month.

Third. The meetings of Lodge No. 43 and the proposed new Lodge, to be held in the rooms over the Market House, and neither old nor new Lodge shall lease, let or allow the rooms to be occupied or used for any purpose whatever, other than for their own meetings.

Fourth. The furniture &c., &c., at present in Lodge No. 43 to be used by both Lodges, except the Jewels, which are the property of Lodge No. 43.

Fifth. Any of the members of Lodge No. 43 who may withdraw for the purpose of joining the new Lodge, shall pay to the new Lodge, the amount of arrears, if any, he or they may be owing at that time, to Lodge No. 43.

Should the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions be adopted by Lodge No. 43, the Secretary shall then furnish the Petitioners, with a copy of the foregoing, together with the consent of Lodge No. 43 to the same, under the seal of said Lodge, signed by its officers and attested by the Secretary.

No formal action was ever taken on this communication, except postponement, and, from the fact that no further efforts were put forth by the petitioners, we infer that they became reconciled to the existing circumstances. This inference is strengthened by the fact that at a subsequent meeting a series of resolutions touching irregularities in the proceedings of the Lodge, were under discussion and favorable action was only prevented by an alarm of fire, a *motion to adjourn* was made and the Lodge closed. At the following meeting however these informalities were corrected without debate as follows. At the special meeting held June 2d, R. W. Grand Master John M. Read, Esq., accompanied by the R. W. Grand Secretary made an official visitation to the Lodge, and after examining the minutes and correcting all errors and irregularities, they exemplified the work by passing Bro. Christian Widmyer to the degree of Fellow Craft Mason, and raising Bro. Christian Gast to

the sublime degree of Master Mason. These two brethren are the two oldest living members of Lodge No. 43.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Bros. Jacob Albright, W. M.; Jno. A. Landis, S. W.; Ephraim Bowman, J. W.; David A. Donnelly, Treasurer, and Wendel Martzall, Secretary.

There were eighteen initiations during the year, and one member withdrew.

In the early part of the year 1839, the Lodge room was repapered and new carpet placed upon the floor. The paper was a present to the Lodge from Worshipful Master Bro. Jacob Albright. Bro. Robert Moderwell was, on the recommendation of the Lodge, appointed District Deputy Grand Master.

The following brethren were duly elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year at the election held December 11th: Jacob Albright, W. M.; Jacob Broom, S. W.; Daniel Roth, J. W.; Geo. B. Kerfoot, Treasurer, and Wm. Schuler, Secretary. Bro. Kerfoot declined to serve as Treasurer, and Bro. E. McLenegan was elected in his stead.

There were eight initiations, one admission, three withdrawals, and one expulsion during the year 1839.

Bro. Junior Warden Daniel Roth died in May, 1840, and under dispensation a special election was held June 10th to fill the vacancy, which resulted in the election of Bro. Joseph Mosher.

At the December meeting a resolution was adopted, authorizing the Worshipful Master to subscribe "six dollars yearly towards defraying the expenses consequent upon the introduction of water through the streets of our city."

The election for officers resulted as follows: Bros. Emanuel Shaeffer, W. M.; Jos. Mosher, S. W.; Geo. B. Kerfoot, J. W.; Moses Goldsmith, Treasurer, and J. H. Brown, Secretary.

During the year there were fourteen initiations and one admission. Five members withdrew and one died.

The first Grievance Committee to serve the Lodge was appointed at the stated meeting of January 13, 1841. The following extract from the minutes describes its origin, duties, etc.: "Upon motion of Bro. Jacob Albright, a committee of five members were appointed as a standing committee for the ensuing or present Masonic year, whose duty it should be to hear all complaints made by one Brother against another, to settle the matter between them if possible, and if necessary to make report to the Lodge from time to time of their proceedings." The following were appointed said committee: Bros.

Jacob Albright, Joseph Mosher, Geo. B. Kerfoot, Moses Goldsmith, and J. H. Brown.

At this time, by reason of the members neglecting the payment of their dues, and the funds of the Lodge being represented mainly by notes of the brethren for various sums due the Lodge, we find the Lodge again in arrears of its Grand Lodge dues, and obliged to borrow money to liquidate its indebtedness. Energetic efforts to collect the dues were now put forth, and a number of the members were suspended for non-payment of their dues.

During the year 1841, there were six initiations and one withdrawal.

The annual election in December resulted as follows: Bros. Joseph Mosher, W. M.; Geo. B. Kerfoot, S. W.; P. F. Myers, J. W.; M. Goldsmith, Treas., and J. H. Brown, Sec.

At this time there was a wing of the market-house extending northward from its western end and forming an L with the main building. According to the old agreement between the Lodge and the borough authorities, the Lodge possessed the authority to extend their building over this portion, and in fact some years previous to this a movement had been made in that direction, but owing to the scarcity of funds, action was postponed.

At the stated meeting of October 12, 1842, a petition was received from the Lancaster Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, praying for the privilege of occupying and building a Hall on this north wing of the market-house. This petition was referred to a committee who, at the November meeting, reported that "it was inexpedient at this time to enter into arrangements for such building."

At the December meeting the following were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Bros. Geo. B. Kerfoot, W. M.; Henry E. Leman, S. W.; Philip Reitzel, J. W.; Moses Goldsmith, Treas., and J. H. Brown, Sec.

During the year 1842 there were two initiations, one admission, and six withdrawals.

Bro. Henry E. Leman declining to serve as Senior Warden, at a special meeting held January 18, 1843, Bro. Wm. Shuler was elected to fill the vacancy.

At the stated meeting of March 8th, the Secretary, Bro. J. H. Brown, resigned his station on account of want of time to perform the duties of the office, and Bro. John Fisher was elected to fill the vacancy.

In this year it was found necessary to place a new roof over the Lodge Room. Proposals being asked for, the contract was given to Joshua W. Jack, whose bid of $38.00 was the lowest in amount of the four bids presented.

Eleven members were initiated during this year and four withdrew.

The election for officers in December resulted as follows: Bros. Geo. B. Kerfoot, W. M.; J. H. Brown, S. W.; Albert F. Osterloh, J. W.; Robert Moderwell, Treas., and John Fisher, Secretary.

A number of the brethren being in arrears for dues, and due notice being served them of the proposed action of the Lodge, twenty-one were suspended for the non-payment of the same at the stated meeting of March 13, 1844. Among those suspended was Bro. Junior Warden Osterloh.

At the April meeting the W. M. appointed Bro. A. N. Breneman Junior Warden for the unexpired term of Bro. Osterloh. Bro. Breneman never filled the station to which he was appointed, and Bro. Fisher having resigned his station as Secretary, a special election was held to fill these two vacancies, at the August meeting, which resulted in the election of Bro. James Regan as Junior Warden, and Bro. Henry E. Leman as Secretary.

Special efforts were made this year to reduce the expenses of the Lodge and discharge its indebtedness, the latter being materially aided by the number of new members initiated, there being no less than sixteen initiations. Three members withdrew during the year.

The annual election in December resulted as follows: Bros. J. Henry Brown, W. M.; James Regan, S. W.; W. C. Chamberlain, J. W.; Robert Moderwell, Treasurer, and Chas. C. Ihling, Secretary.

CHAPTER VII

1845–1855

THE year 1845 discovered the Lodge in an embarrassed condition by reason of its want of funds. Appeals for charity could only be met by individual subscription, and notwithstanding one hundred dollars had been paid the previous year to the Grand Lodge, on account of dues, yet a considerable sum was still due the Grand Lodge; and the brethren feeling their inability to meet this debt along with the accruing dues, resolved to make an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a remission of the debt.

Accordingly Bros. Kerfoot and Regan were appointed a committee to attend the Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge in June, and make an appeal for relief. This committee performed their duty so well that the Grand Lodge was pleased to remit all dues owing by Lodge No. 43 to the Grand Lodge up to December 27, 1844.

Thus once more the Grand Lodge by its generosity gave encouragement to the members of the Lodge, assisting them in bridging over a time of actual danger to the existence of the Lodge.

Ex-President General Andrew Jackson having died on June 8th, the W. M. convened the Lodge on the evening of June 24th, to take action thereon. The following is a copy of the minutes of said meeting.

The Worshipful Master stated that he had thought proper to convene the Lodge in consequence of the death of Gen. Andrew Jackson, late President of the U. States, that the Lodge might do appropriate honor to the memory of the illustrious General, Statesman and Patriot.

Bro. Geo. B. Kerfoot, offered the following preamble & resolutions, by the request of the W. M., which were upon motion duly seconded, unanimously adopted and ordered to be recorded with the minutes of the proceedings.

In the increasing catalogue of passing events, it becomes our mournful duty to record the death of the venerable Andrew Jackson, late President of the United States; and although we are taught by inspired truth and daily observation, that "Man that is born of a woman hath but a few days to live & is full of trouble"—that Princes, Kings & Presidents must lie down in the dust & the glory of their enjoyments & exultations be clouded in the darkness of the tomb—yet when the great & the good pass away; when the damps of the grave rest upon the brow once wreathed with the

laurels of a country's acclamation; when the eyes are closed in death, whose glance sent trepidation amongst the ranks of the enemies of his country; when the heart that beat with patriotic fervor ceases to throb, the tongue to command, & the arm to wield the sword, or the pen, in the righteous defence of liberty; when the clods of the valley rest upon the form we were wont to admire, and the spirit, sustained by all the strength of christian faith, have passed through the dark shadow of the valley of death, fearing no evil, we may pause to record such an occurrence.

While the immediate presence of Andrew Jackson may have passed away and sunk behind the horizon of an earthly existence, yet the gloom created by his absence will be lighted up by the reflected brightness of his manly actions and christian virtue. Therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our fellow citizens in the loss sustained by our country, and feel rejoiced to know that, from his last hours and sentiments, we need not mourn as those without hope, our loss being his infinite gain.

Resolved, That, as General Andrew Jackson was a warm friend and member of our Order, we will cause the Lodge to be hung in appropriate mourning.

Resolved, That in the patriotic course of his life, and in the religious sentiments of his last hours, we recognize the influence of our principles.

At the stated meeting in July, Bro. Charles C. Ihling presented his resignation as Secretary of the Lodge. No other Secretary was elected to fill the vacancy, a Secretary pro tem. being appointed at each meeting.

At the December meeting, the election for officers being held, resulted as follows: Bros. James Regan, W. M.; Wm. C. Chamberlain, S. W.; Adam Kendig, J. W.; Emanuel Shaeffer, Treasurer, and Joseph Mosher, Secretary.

There were eight initiations and four withdrawals during the year 1845.

At the stated meeting of April 8, 1846, a colored man made application for relief, and also intimated that he wished to visit the Lodge. Bro. D. D. G. M. Robert Moderwell decided that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania did not recognize colored Masons.

At the June meeting Worshipful Master Bro. James Regan informed the Lodge that he expected soon to leave the United States for England; he therefore asked leave to resign his station and to withdraw from the Lodge.

Bro. Regan had received information of a fortune and a baronetcy awaiting him in England, which was the cause of his presenting his resignation.

His request was granted by the Lodge, and a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the estimation in which he was held by the Lodge.

The committee having withdrawn for a short time, returned and presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Lodge No. 43 is called upon to sever its connection with Worshipful Master James Regan, who has this evening signified his intention of returning to England,

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Brethren in being called upon to part with our beloved Brother, do so with extreme regret, having in all our relations with him, either as workman or Master, enjoyed uninterrupted harmony, pleasure and love.

Resolved, That the Brethren of this Lodge, have full confidence, that the Grand Architect, in his goodness, will preserve our worthy brother through all his trials and difficulties here on earth, and finally remove him to a Master's seat, in the Grand Lodge above, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Resolved, That we in parting with our beloved brother, part with him as one whom they are assured will always wear the "Lamb Skin" with credit to himself and this Ancient Order, and believe he will always be found a *Master workman*, in every situation in which the *Great Grand Master* in his providence may place him.

Resolved, That we individually, as Brethren of the *Mystic Tie*, recommend to all A. Y. M. wheresoever scattered, our worthy and well qualified, beloved Brother James Regan, and assure them, from his good conduct while among us, that we believe him worthy of all confidence, and that he carries with him our lasting esteem and brotherly love.

Signed, PHILIP REITZEL, P. M.
THOS. JEFFRIES, P. D. D. G. M.
JOS. MOSHER, P. M.

No election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. Regan, Bro. D. D. G. M. Robert Moderwell performed the duties of the station, presiding as Worshipful Master for the remaining portion of the Masonic year. At the meeting in December the brethren expressed themselves as unwilling to dispense with the valuable services of Bro. Moderwell, and again elected him Worshipful Master. The following Brothers were elected to the remaining offices: Horace Haldeman, S. W.; Charles C. Ihling, J. W.; James H. Pennell, Treas., and Joseph Mosher, Sec.

The custom of holding a Lodge supper on St. John's day, which had been discontinued for some years, was this year resumed, the

supper being held in the long entry of the Lodge room, and well attended by members and visitors.

During the year seventeen members were initiated, three admitted, and four withdrew.

The appointment of a Charity Committee, which custom had been adopted a few years previously, and then discontinued, was this year resumed, and Bros. Geo. Wilson, M. Goldsmith, C. C. Ihling and Jos. Mosher were appointed said committee. From that date to the present time charity committees have been annually appointed by the Lodge.

At the stated meeting of February 17, 1847, a donation of $25.00 was made from the funds of the Lodge towards the relief of the distressed poor in Ireland. The donation was made in the name of "the friends of the distressed in Ireland." At this meeting the S. W. Bro. Horace Haldeman resigned his station and withdrew from the Lodge, on account of his having entered the army. At the stated meeting held April 14th, a dispensation for the purpose being granted, an election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. W. Bro. Haldeman, when Bro. Charles E. Wentz was elected for the unexpired term.

R. W. Grand Master James Page, Esq., accompanied by his Grand Officers, made an official visitation to the Lodge at its stated meeting in December. The Grand Master exemplified the Master Mason's degree, and conducted the annual election for officers, which resulted as follows: Bro. Charles E. Wentz, W. M.; John Auxer, S. W.; Junius B. Kaufman, J. W.; Geo. Wilson, Treas., and David King, Sec.

Five members were initiated, two admitted, and three withdrew during the year 1847.

During the year 1848 there were twelve initiations and three admissions. Four members withdrew and five died.

This was a very prosperous year for the Lodge; its affairs were so well managed that at the expiration of his term of office the Treasurer, Bro. Geo. Wilson, paid over to his successor the sum of $118.93, notwithstanding there had been a number of unusual expenses, including the purchase of two lots in the Lancaster Cemetery for the use of the Lodge.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Bros. Charles E. Wentz, W. M.; Junius B. Kaufman, S. W.; Charles M. Howell, J. W.; Joseph Gormley, Treasurer, and I. D. Rupp, Secretary.

On St. John's day (December 27th), the R. W. Grand Master appointed Bro. P. M. Dr. Geo. B. Kerfoot District Deputy Grand Master for the district of Lancaster county.

At the stated meeting of July 11, 1849, the death of ex-President Bro. James K. Polk, which occurred June 15th, was brought to the attention of the Lodge by the following motion, offered by Bro. J. D. Bachman, which was adopted: "Whereas, we have learned with deep regret of the death of our late Brother James K. Polk, ex-President of the United States, that this Lodge be hung in mourning for the space of six months." On motion, a committee of three was appointed to draft a series of resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the Lodge on the death of our distinguished brother. Bros. Kerfoot, Gormley and Bachman were appointed said committee. The committee, at the stated meeting of August 8th, reported a series of appropriate resolutions, which were adopted and a copy sent to the family of the deceased brother.

At the stated meeting held November 14th, Bro. Charles M. Howell offered the following motion, which was adopted: "That a committee of three be appointed to make arrangements to have the Gas introduced into the Lodge room, and to dispose of the lamps in the chandelier." Bros. Howell, Gormley and Kaufman were appointed said committee. The performance of this duty occupied about one year, as "the gas" was not introduced until the latter part of the year 1850.

The annual election in December resulted as follows: Bros. Junius B. Kaufman, W. M.; Charles M. Howell, S. W.; Wm. Gormley, J. W.; Jos. Gormley, Treasurer, and John J. Keller, Secretary.

During the year 1849, nine members were initiated, two admitted, two withdrew, and two died.

The year 1850 found the Lodge in a more prosperous condition than at any time in its past history. There were funds not only for current expenses, but also for practical charity.

At the stated meeting for April 10th a movement was made towards the accumulation of a permanent fund by a motion, appointing a committee to inquire into the expediency of investing the funds of the Lodge. Bros. C. M. Howell, G. B. Kerfoot, and J. J. Keller were appointed said committee and at the following meeting presented the following report: "That upon due consideration they are of opinion that the Lodge would be greatly benefited by investing their funds in some safe loan, and would recommend the Lodge to take early measures to have their money so disposed of.

They report that there is now in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of about $250.00." This same committee also offered an amendment to the By-Laws which was subsequently adopted, providing for the election of three Trustees, at the annual election, and defining their duties to be the investment of all funds over $100 in the hands of the Treasurer. No investment was, however, made at this time, except the loan of $25 to a brother member.

The funds of the Lodge, from this time, were carefully guarded, and as a natural consequence gradually accumulated.

At a stated meeting held December 12th, the committee, previously appointed for the purpose, reported that they had performed the duty of having gas introduced into the Lodge Room, and presented the bills for the same.

The election for officers resulted as follows: Bros. J. B. Kaufman, W. M.; Wm. Gormley, S. W.; J. J. Keller, J. W.; Charles Boughter, Treasurer; J. M. Westhaeffer, Secretary, and Geo. Wilson, Geo. B. Kerfoot, and Robert Moderwell, Trustees.

This was the first board of Trustees elected by the Lodge and the office has been continued from that time to the present.

During the year fourteen members were initiated, one admitted, three withdrew and one died.

At the stated meeting held January 8, 1851, a communication was received from the Building Committee of the Washington Monument, Washington, D. C., asking aid towards the erection of the same.

A donation of ten dollars was voted for this object; in consideration of which, the Lodge received steel plate engravings of Gen. George Washington and of the Monument completed. These engravings were framed by the Lodge and are still hanging on the walls of one of the rooms.

The Sarcophagus, which had been constructed within the enclosure of the Girard College grounds as the final resting place for the remains of our distinguished brother, Stephen Girard, having been completed, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to whom had been assigned the duty of having the remains removed from the temporary to the final resting place, issued invitations to all the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction to join them in paying a tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother by joining in a procession and depositing the remains with Masonic honors on the 29th day of September.

At the stated meeting of August 13th, the communication being read, it was unanimously resolved that the Lodge participate in the ceremonies, and Bros. Jos. Gormley, Chas. M. Howell, J. J. Keller, J. M. Westhaeffer and J. H. Reigart were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. The brethren met at the Lodge Room on Monday morning, September 29th, at 11 o'clock, to the number of fifty or sixty, and proceeded to Philadelphia, where they were assigned their place in the line.

This was one of the finest Masonic demonstrations ever seen in Philadelphia. The regulations required every brother to wear a full black dress suit, including swallow-tailed coat and black necktie, black silk hat, white apron, white gloves, and a blue sash from right shoulder to left hip. Every brother being thus clothed, and the number in line being very large, the procession presented a most beautiful appearance, and one not soon to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. Within the enclosure of the College grounds the brethren formed in a large double-lined circle around the sarcophagus, while the Grand Officers deposited the remains with the beautiful funeral ceremonies of the Fraternity.

Bro. P. M. Dr. Geo. B. Kerfoot, D. D. G. M., died September 11th, and at an adjourned meeting held September 15th, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his wisdom to remove from this life our late worthy and esteemed Brother Dr. Geo. B. Kerfoot, D. D. G. M. Therefore

Resolved, That while we bow with submission to this bereavement, we feel pleasure in bearing testimony that for a period of fifteen years he has been a member of this Lodge, the zeal and devotion with which he performed his duties as a Mason, made him second to none in the Lodge.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the family of the deceased in our mutual loss, but are comforted in the reflection that his deportment through life is the best evidence that our loss is his gain.

Resolved, That as a mark of our unfeigned sorrow and affection for his memory, our Lodge be clothed in the habiliments of mourning for the space of six months.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

On motion, Bros. C. M. Howell, Jos. Gormley and J. J. Keller were appointed a committee to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

A monument was erected over his remains in Woodward Hill Cemetery, which was paid for jointly out of the funds of the Lodge, and by individual subscription of Royal Arch Chapter No. 43 members.

The election for officers at the stated meeting in December resulted as follows: Bros. J. J. Keller, W. M.; Wm. M. Gormley, S. W.; Jos. Gormley, J. W.; H. W. Hess, Treas.; J. M. Westhaeffer, Sec., and Robert Moderwell, Charles M. Howell and H. L. Zahm, Trustees.

The year 1851 was a busy one for the Lodge, not less than twenty-one members being initiated, one admitted, six withdrew and one died. This year the Lodge invested $400 in city and school bonds, which was the beginning of the permanent fund.

In these years of increased prosperity for the Lodge the custom of holding a banquet on St. John's day was resumed. At the close of the year an examination of the treasurer's accounts showed a balance in his hands of $503.54½.

On the death of District Deputy Grand Master Kerfoot the Lodge petitioned the Grand Master to appoint the retiring Master, Bro. J. B. Kaufman to that office, which was accordingly done.

At the stated meeting of February 11, 1852, a communication was received from Bro. Maungundans, chief of the Chippewa Indians, asking aid to educate his sons. A donation of five dollars was voted him for the purpose.

In 1835 the Grand Lodge feeling the depressing effect of the anti-Masonic excitement, its membership being greatly diminished, decided it was unnecessary to hold so large a hall as its Chestnut Street Temple. The temple was accordingly sold to the Franklin Institute for the sum of $110,550, and the Grand Lodge purchased Washington Hall, Third street above Spruce for $25,000 and removed to that place, where its meetings were held for twenty years.

The Franklin Institute failing in their payments of the purchase money, the Chestnut street property was reconveyed to the Grand Lodge in 1841, and rented out for exhibitions, amusements, &c.

In the early part of 1852, a movement was made looking to the sale of the property, and the matter was made a special order of business for the meeting of Grand Lodge in May. Notice of this meeting and the business to be transacted being received by Lodge No. 43, it was resolved that all the members of the Lodge who were members of the Grand Lodge be directed to attend said meeting, and that the Lodge pay each member attending, the sum of five dollars.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge in May the question of the sale of the Chestnut Street Temple, after discussion, was postponed. The different Lodges throughout the State appointed Committees of Conference. Bros. Albright, Boughter and Westhaeffer were the committee appointed by No. 43.

It was finally determined not to sell the property, but to take down the building, and erect on the site a suitable Temple to be dedicated exclusively to Masonic purposes.

The corner-stone of this Temple was laid November 21, 1853, and in it was placed a list of officers and members of every Lodge in the district.* It was dedicated September 26, 1855, and it was used for Masonic purposes until after the dedication of the Broad Street Temple in 1873. It was used for various purposes for nine years afterwards, and was sold to Wm. M. Singerly, Esq., in 1882.

At the stated meeting of December 8, 1852, the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Charles M. Howell, W. M.; H. L. Zahm, S. W.; Charles W. Cooper, J. W.; H. W. Hess, Treasurer; J. M. Westhaeffer, Secretary, and Robert Moderwell, F. H. Carpenter and J. J. Keller, Trustees.

During the year twenty-six members were initiated, four admitted, three withdrew and one died.

In May, 1853, the Lodge donated $20 to Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Virginia, towards the erection of a monument to the memory of our illustrious Bro. Gen. George Washington.

At this same meeting it was resolved, "that each brother supply himself with a pair of white gloves, as no brother is properly clothed unless so attired." This was the beginning of the wearing of gloves by the members at meetings, a custom which has been more strictly observed in Lodge No. 43 than perhaps any other Lodge in the jurisdiction.

At the September meeting, $50 was donated for the relief of the distress caused by an epidemic of cholera at New Orleans.

Bro. Capt. John Steel, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, whose residence was at the Hermitage, this county, was an occasional visitor to the Lodge, and was respected, honored, and loved by all who knew him. His death was announced to the Lodge by W. M. Charles M. Howell, at the November meeting, and a committee consisting of Bros. H. L. Zahm, Henry Baumgardner and S. P. Spencer was appointed to draft suitable resolutions. The

* A printed list of the officers and members of Lodge No. 43 being included.

Lodge was draped in mourning for six months as a tribute of respect to his memory, and the Lodge attended his funeral.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Bros. Charles W. Cooper, W. M.; Seth P. Spencer, S. W.; Elam D. Hurst, J. W.; Charles M. Howell, Treasurer; J. M. Westhaeffer, Secretary, and F. H. Carpenter, Henry Baumgardner and Horace Rathvon, Trustees.

At this meeting Bros. John Barr, Jacob M. Strickler, Daniel Herr, Peter A. Kimbry, C. S. Kaufman and John Eckert withdrew for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge in Columbia. Their application to the Grand Lodge for a charter was recommended by Lodge No. 43, and their warrant was dated December 19, 1853, under the name of Columbia Lodge, No. 286.

During the year twenty-four members were initiated, one admitted and nine withdrew.

At this time the investments of the Lodge had increased to the sum of $900, and the year closed with a balance of $250.29 in the hands of the Treasurer due the Lodge.

During the summer of 1854 the burial lots in the Lancaster Cemetery, the property of the Lodge, were enclosed by a substantial iron fence at an expense of $260.

James Hutchinson, Esq., R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, accompanied by his grand officers, paid the Lodge an official visitation on the evening of November 8, 1854.

At the December meeting the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Charles M. Howell, W. M.; E. D. Hurst, S. W.; John McCalla, J. W.; H. L. Zahm, Treasurer; J. M. Westhaeffer, Secretary, and Horace Rathvon, Henry Baumgardner and Christian Gast, Trustees.

During the year twenty members were initiated, one admitted, two withdrew, and three died.

At this time the rights of the Lodge to title in the Lodge property were questioned by members of City Councils. The Lodge employed counsel, who examined into the matter, and reported that the Lodge's title was good, but that the original agreement between the borough authorities and the Lodge had never been recorded. The agreement was then recorded, and a clear title was vested in the Lodge.

Here follows a copy of the original agreement between the Borough of Lancaster authorities and the Committee of Lodge No.

43, A. Y. M., and the Opinion of Hon. Henry G. Long, President Judge of the Courts of Lancaster County, Pa.

Agreement Between the Borough of Lancaster and Lodge No. 43

At a Meeting of the Corporation of the Borough of Lancaster at the House of Mr. Jacob Frey's, on the 2d of March, A.D., 1798. Present, Paul Zantzinger and John Hubley, Burgesses; Assistants, Jacob Krug, Cas Shaffner, Jacob Shaeffer & John Roberts, Jacob Frey and Philip Diffenderfer.

The Corporation having met, agreeable to a resolution of the 24th of last month, in order to take into consideration the building of a new Market House, Charles Smith, Henry Dering, William Kirkpatrick and John Miller, Junr, a Committee appointed by the Lodge No. 43, appointed to consult and agree with the Corporation, respecting the privilege of erecting a superstructure upon the Market House for the use of the Freemason Lodge No. 43. The Committee handed the Corporation the following proposals, to wit:

> The Lodge to build the Superstructure, and roof the building to floor and ceiling. The Corporation to grant the right, to erect this Superstructure and the direction of the uses of it to such Trustees as may be appointed by the Lodge. But a room shall always be reserved for the use of the Meetings of the Corporation, all other public uses of the rooms to be at the option of the Lodge.
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> If the Corporation should think it proper to erect pillars in the Square, beyond the extent of the main Market Building for the use of the Country Market people, the Lodge will extend the roof over the same, floor, ceil, paint and finish it in a neat manner.
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> March 22d, 1798, We, on the part of the Lodge, and on the part of the Corporation agree to the above proposals.
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> By order of the Corporation,
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> Paul Zantzinger, C. B.
>
> By order of the Lodge,
>
> C. Smith,
> Henry Dering,
> John Miller,
> J. Lauman.

At a Meeting of the Borough of Lancaster, on the 22d March, A.D., 1798, at the house of Philip Diffenderfer. Present, Paul Zantzinger and John Hubley, Burgesses. Assistants, Cas Shaffner, Jacob Frey, Jacob Krug, Jacob Schaeffer, John Roberts and Philip Diffenderfer. The erection of the Market House being under consideration, it was agreed that the Market House shall be built agreeably to the proposals this day signed by the Chief Burgess on the part of the Borough, and on the part of the Masons Lodge No. 43, by Charles Smith, John Miller, Junr, Lewis Lauman and Henry Dering.

Paul Zantzinger, *Chief Burgess.*

Agreed that Paul Zantzinger, John Hubley and Jacob Krug, or any two of them are appointed to procure materials and workmen for the building of the above mentioned Market Houses, in conjunction with any persons that the Lodge No. 43, will appoint for the same purpose.

PAUL ZANTZINGER, *Chief Burgess.*

At a Meeting of the Corporation on the 5th of April, 1798, at the house of Mr. Jacob Frey. Present, Paul Zantzinger and John Hubley, Burgesses; Assistants, Cas Shaffner, Jacob Krug, Jacob Frey, Jacob Schaeffer, John Roberts and Philip Diffenderfer. The Committee appointed on the 22d day of March last, to employ workmen and procure materials for the building of the Market House, in conjunction with the persons who may be appointed by Lodge No. 43, Reported that in conjunction with Charles Smith, William Kirkpatrick and Lewis Lauman, on the part of the Lodge. The said Committee, agreed with George Peters, brickmaker, Jacob Albright, mason and bricklayer, and Godleib Sener, carpenter, as workmen and persons to procure materials for said building, agreeable to the contract signed by them and produced by the Corporation, the same being duly considered, it agreed to, and approved by the Corporation.

AGREED that Paul Zantzinger and John Hubley, the Burgesses, in whose names the order is drawn by the Commissioners of the County, for the money granted by the Grand Jury and Court, towards the building of the Market House, do call on the Treasurer of the County and receive the Amount of the said order and deposit the same in the hands of John Roberts, the Treasurer of the Corporation for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the said building, and paying the same on the orders of the two Burgesses for the uses of the said building.

PAUL ZANTZINGER, C. B.

We, the subscribers hereby certify that the above or foregoing, is a correct Copy of the proceedings of the Burgesses of the Corporation of the Borough of Lancaster, taken from the Book in which the same were originally recorded and kept for said purpose.

Witness our hands and seals this Twenty-eighth day of January, A.D., 1856.

J. ALBRIGHT, *Mayor.* (Seal.)

Attest, SOLOMON HERSEY, *Mayor's Clerk.*

Lancaster City, *ss:*

Personally came before me, Alexander H. Sherts and Hiram J. Young, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say that the within written instrument of writing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of Paul Zantzinger and John Hubley, Burgesses, and Cas Shaffner, Jacob Frey, Jacob Krug, Jacob Schaeffer, John Roberts and Philip Diffenderfer, assistant Burgesses, of the Corporation of the Borough of Lancaster, that we compared the within carefully with the

minutes as they appear on the Book kept by said Burgesses, and find the same to be an exact and correct copy of the same.

HIRAM YOUNG,
ALEX. H. SHERTS.

Sworn and subscribed before me the twenty-eighth day of January, A.D., 1856.

J. ALBRIGHT, *Mayor.*

Lancaster City, *ss:*

I, Jacob Albright, Mayor of the City of Lancaster, State of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the within instrument of writing is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of Paul Zantzinger and John Hubley, Burgesses, and Cas Shaffner, Jacob Frey, Jacob Krug, Jacob Schaeffer, John Roberts and Philip Diffenderfer, assistant Burgesses of the Corporation of the Borough and now City of Lancaster, as kept by said officers in a book by them, and now in my possession as Mayor of said City of Lancaster.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the City of Lancaster, this 28th day of January, A.D., 1856.

(Seal.) J. ALBRIGHT, *Mayor.*

Recorded in the Recorder's Office of Lancaster County in Record Book L, Vol. 8 at page 330, &c. Witness my hand and, seal of Office, this 29th January, A.D., 1856.

(Seal.) T. H. MILLER, *Recorder.*

In the paragraph preceding the Agreement between the Borough of Lancaster and Lodge No. 43, mention is made of the question of the rights of Lodge No. 43 to its ownership in the Lodge Room. It is there stated this action was brought by the City. From the Opinion handed down by Judge Henry G. Long, it would appear the question was raised by the Commissioners of Lancaster County, possibly because the money for the building of the Borough's part of the Market House was granted by order of the Grand Jury and Court of the County. The Opinion of Judge Long follows.

OPINION OF HENRY G. LONG, PRESIDENT JUDGE

Being called upon by the Commissioners of Lancaster County for an opinion whether the title to premises in the Market Square in the City of Lancaster, known as Lodge No. 43 is vested in the County of Lancaster, and whether the same could be recovered for its use, before expressing an opinion, I would beg leave to premise that the facts in relation to this subject are involved in much obscurity. No documentary or parole evidence being discovered throwing any light upon the matter submitted for investigation, and the case appears to be enshrouded in

all the darkness which frequently covers title to property appropriated to public use.

A few years after the establishment of the County of Lancaster was selected as the seat of justice, James Hamilton, then the proprietor of the greater part of the lands upon which the City of Lancaster is located, no doubt deeply impressed with the great advantage which would result to him, by having the seat of justice found in the immediate vicinity of his land, and perhaps as an inducement for adopting Lancaster as the seat of justice, agreed to vest a lot of ground in certain persons designated in the Charter of Incorporation of the Borough of Lancaster, Trustees for the County of Lancaster, for the purpose of enabling the citizens of Lancaster of holding a market. These deeds after a fruitless search, inquiry and from traditionary accounts are believed to be no longer in existence, and the only written evidence of their ever having existed is to be found in the Charter of Incorporation, where it is referred to. The locality of the lot is not described in the Charter, neither does the plan of the town annexed to it furnish any clue to it; neither does it appear what quantity the lot was to consist of, but supposing that an inference could be drawn that the spot of ground now used for a market is the identical lot referred to in the Charter, the trusts enacted by the deed does not appear, except that it was given to the Trustees of the County for the purpose of enabling the citizens of Lancaster to hold a market. If it was given in trust for any other purpose it does not appear.

The question then arises does the Charter, which is the only evidence know of any grant having been made to Trustees in which the County appears interested afford sufficient evidence that the title to the premises before mentioned, is vested in the County of Lancaster for which an ejectment could be entertained. The Charter as vested in the Act of Incorporation does not show any title in the County.

The Lodge is erected on the Market House. The Market House has always been understood to be under the supervision and municipal regulation of the City. The County does not now, neither is it known that it ever did exercise any act of ownership over it, nor does it appear that the Borough or City ever recognized the County as having a right to it; still if it could be made to appear that the County had a right to the ground, that the City were to use it for certain purposes, and that the Borough or City had diverted it to other purposes a recovery could be had by the County, but in the absence of all evidence either written or parole, showing that the ground upon which the Lodge stands ever was vested in the County of Lancaster either by a legal or equitable title, I am assured that an Ejectment can not be sustained by the County for the premises.

CHAPTER VIII

1855–1865

THE eighth decade of the Lodge's existence opened with the Lodge enjoying a degree of prosperity far exceeding anything it had ever before experienced. The active membership numbered 124, and in addition to the properties, furniture, regalia, etc., the Lodge had $900 invested in bonds, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $528.69.

Several notes held by the Lodge against members had for a number of years been carried by the Treasurer as cash. At the stated meeting of February 14, 1855, on motion, the W. M. drew his warrant for the amounts, and the notes were destroyed.

Mountain Lodge, No. 281, of Altoona, in the early part of this year met with the misfortune of having their hall burned down, and applied to the various Lodges throughout the jurisdiction for aid in rebuilding the same. At the March meeting of the Lodge a donation of $25 was voted them for that purpose. At the September meeting $50 was donated for the relief of the Portsmouth and Norfolk sufferers.

On September 26th the new Masonic Temple, Chestnut street, Philadelphia, was dedicated with impressive Masonic ceremonies. Lodge No. 43 participated, having 75 members in line in the procession.

At the December meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: Bros. John McCalla, W. M.; J. J. Sprenger, S. W.; Charles F. Shreiner, J. W.; H. L. Zahm, Treasurer; J. M. Westhaeffer, Secretary, and Wm. A. Morton, John Lippincott, and Wm. M. Gormley, Trustees.

There were eighteen initiations and one withdrawal from membership during the year.

On St. John's day, December 27th, the Right Worshipful Grand Master appointed P. M. Bro. Charles M. Howell, D. D. G. M. for this Masonic district.

At the stated meeting of January 9, 1856, $50 was donated to the Union Dorcas Society.

At the March meeting the W. M. stated that Bro. Herman Baugh had presented to the Lodge a cane made of wood taken from the Old Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, which was to be used by the

W. M.'s of the Lodge, each handing it down to his successor. Bro. John Herr also presented to the Lodge a picture of the New Masonic Temple on Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

On June 25th, a special meeting was called for the purpose of considering the propriety of purchasing a lot of ground adjoining the Lodge building on the West. This lot had formerly been an open street called Union Court, but Market Street having been opened to West King Street there was no longer any use for this street and it was proposed by the City Councils to sell the same. The W. M. stated that he had deemed it a case of emergency, and had appointed a committee consisting of Bros. Wm. Aug. Atlee, Charles M. Howell, and J. B. Amweg to confer with Messrs. Peter McConomy and Watson Miller in relation to the purchase of the same, they having in conjunction with Dr. Thomas Elmaker, agreed to purchase it along with the two properties to the west of it, from the City. Bro. Wm. Aug. Atlee presented the report of the committee in which they stated Messrs. McConomy and Miller would permit the Lodge to become the purchaser of this portion of the property; they also presented the advantages the Lodge would derive from such purchase as well as the injury which might arise from a failure to purchase it.

On motion the following Resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That three Brethren be appointed, who together with the W. M. and Trustees, shall constitute a committee to purchase sixteen feet of ground adjoining our present Lodge Room on the west, and shall proceed to erect thereon, a plain substantial three story brick building, the first story to be a Store Room and the second and third stories adapted for Lodge purposes.

The W. M. appointed Bros. Chas. M. Howell, J. H. Barnes and Jno. L. Atlee, Jr., as said committee.

This joint committee purchased the property from the city for the sum of $2685.31, paying $100 purchase money, the balance it being agreed should be paid in annual installments.

On October 2d, the corner-stone of the new building was laid with appropriate Masonic ceremonies. Bro. P. M. Chas. M. Howell presented the corner-stone, Bros. J. J. Sprenger and J. M. Westhaeffer (then associated together in the book and stationery business) presented the Bible, and Bro. Treasurer, H. L. Zahm, presented the vessels which were placed in the corner-stone.

In the alterations to the Lodge building, the entrance back of the old post-office was abandoned and a new entrance made at the

north-east corner of the new building fronting on Market Square. The partitions between the Lodge room and the long entry running along the north side of the hall, and between the Lodge room and the two small ante-rooms were removed, making the Lodge room its present size, and the third story of the new building was divided into a Tyler's and two preparing rooms—the second story of the new building (now the Armory) being a banquet-room. The walls were papered, and new chandeliers, carpets and furniture purchased.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Bros. J. J. Sprenger, W. M.; Chas. F. Shreiner, S. W.; J. L. Atlee, Jr., J. W.; H. L. Zahm, Treas.; J. M. Westhaeffer, Sec., and David Reese, Wm. A. Morton, and Jno. Lippincott, Trustees.

During the year sixteen members were initiated, one admitted, five withdrew, and five died.

At the stated meeting of May 31, 1857, the building committee presented the following report:

> The Committee appointed by this Lodge on the 25th of June last, to carry out its wishes in regard to the purchase of a lot of ground from the City of Lancaster, and the erection thereon of a substantial brick building, for Lodge and other purposes, beg leave to report:
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> That they have attended to the duties assigned them, to the best of their ability. The lot, embracing 16 feet front on West King St., by 40 feet deep, and immediately adjoining this Hall on the West, has been purchased from the City, for the sum of $2,685.31, to be paid in annual installments with interest. The first installment to be paid on the 1st of April, 1857.
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> A contract was entered into with Bro. J. W. Jack, to erect the building, according to certain specifications, for the sum of $1,866, to be paid upon the completion of the work.
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> The corner-stone was laid at high twelve on the 2d of October, 1856, with Masonic ceremonies by the officers and members, assisted by the Right Worshipful D. D. G. M. of Lancaster Masonic District; and thanks to the Great Architect above, the building was carried on to completion without accident or anything calculated to interrupt the good feelings which prevailed among the workmen.
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> Your Committee, with a view to expedite the work, and prevent if possible the interruption of the regular Masonic business of the Lodge, employed Bro. John Hogendobler to make the necessary alterations in the old Hall; such was the nature of the work, that we were unable to contract for it. Bro. H. was therefore allowed so much per day, for each hand employed, amounting in all to $485.79. Notwithstanding the utmost exertions of the Committee to hasten forward the work, they were subjected to many vexatious delays, which placed its completion much beyond the time originally calculated upon. Yet it is gratifying to know that the business of the Lodge met with no serious interruption. At the regular

stated communication in August last, the Lodge appointed three additional members to the Committee for the purpose of procuring suitable furniture. This division of labor was found to work well. A number of the Committee were convenient to the Hall, and could be easily brought together to suit emergencies, which frequently arose in the progress of the work.

The following presents an accurate exhibit of the receipts and expenditures connected with the entire improvement:

City of Lancaster.

Dr.		Cr.	
1856.		1856.	
Aug. 12. To Cash.....	$100.00	Aug. 12, By lot of ground 16 ft. front on West King St. adjoining present Hall	$2,685.31
1857.		1857.	
April 1. " 1st Installment.....	861.77	April 1. Interest on same to date.....	99.52
Interest of Principal.....	99.52		
Balance due City	1723.54		
	$2,784.83		$2,784.83

Bro. J. W. Jack as per contract.....	$1866.00
do Extra Work.....	135.00
	$2001.00
Brother Jno. Hogendobler for work in Hall.....	$485 70
Bro. Chas. M. Howell, Cash paid to Sundry persons for Materials & Labor.....	$3699 03
Recd from various sources.....	2992 24
Bal. due Bro. Howell.....	$706 79
To Farmers Bank, Lancaster, Note.....	$2000 00
" Geo. M. Steinman & Co.....	266 35
" Bro. Christn Widmyer.....	561 50
" Sener & Sons "per Hogendobler".....	147 00
" Bro. John Herr.....	505 60
" Wm H. Coryl Philada.....	559 75
" Cornelius & Baker Philada.....	192 00
" S. B. Fullerton Philada.....	185 00
" Marshbank & McConkey.....	31 80
" Shenk & Long.....	63 05
" Sener & Sons "per Jack".....	116 30
" Carmargo Manuf. Co.....	300 00
" Chas M. Howell Balance.....	706 79
" Balance due City.....	1723 54
	$7358 68
Amt. paid by Lodge.....	1393 01
Total Expenditures for Ground & Improvements.....	$8751 69

It now remains for the Lodge to devise some plan for the liquidation of this debt; several have been suggested to the committee, but the one which meets with most favor is the issuing of $100 certificates, bearing 6 per cent interest; in this way the Lodge will relieve itself, without the necessity of resorting to a permanent loan.

Your Committee therefore recommend that printed certificates, or coupon bonds be issued by the Lodge with its seal affixed, which will render them as safe and profitable an investment as need be desired, our whole property being pledges for their redemption.

The rent from the room will pay our Grand Lodge dues, so that all our income from work, and members dues will be devoted to the liquidation of the debt.

The Committee have insured the property to the amount of $1500, but would now recommend an increase on this amount.

The first floor & cellar of new building has been leased to Dr. Thos. Elmaker, for the full term of five years, from last 1st of April, at an annual rent of $300.

Your Committee believed that they have conscientiously discharged their duty in this matter to the Lodge, and all others concerned, and in conclusion would suggest that the Lodge adopt such measures as they may deem most effective in relation to the safe keeping of this property.

To preserve this beautiful furniture, it must frequently pass through the cleaning process, and this with indelicate hand; to affect this, the committee would recommend the employment of a suitable woman, who under the supervision of the Tyler, would be able to keep everything in proper order.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed, J. McCalla, *Chairman*.

On motion the report was received, and the Committee discharged. The following resolution was then adopted.

Resolved, that Lodge No. 43 A. Y. M. issue coupon bonds of one hundred dollars each, interest payable semi-annually, at 6 per cent. per annum, for the whole debt of the Lodge, and that D. D. G. M. C. M. Howell be empowered to procure said bonds without delay, and that said bonds be signed by the W. M. & Secretary.

The bonds were prepared in accordance with the above resolution, and during the first year twenty-seven were disposed of, as follows:

Charles M. Howell	1	John Haar	1
Godfried M. Zahm	1	Emanuel Shober	1
Christ. Widmyer	2	J. H. Carmany	1
Tobias H. Miller	3	C. C. Ihling	1
Geo. M. Steinman	1	J. B. Kaufman	1
Chas. F. Rengier	1	H. Rathvon	1
Chas. A. Heinitsh	1	John Rees	1
H. R. Fahnestock	1	John McCalla	1
Robert Loag	1	H. Baumgardner	1
John Herr	4	C. H. Breneman	2

During this year the creditors of the Lodge were reduced to three, as follows:

Farmers' Bank of Lancaster	$1700 00
Lancaster City	1223 54
Charles M. Howell	570 51
	$3494 05
To which must be added 27 bonds @ 100	2700 00
Making the total debt at this time	$6194 05

This amount deducted from $7358.68, the amount of the debt as reported by the committee, shows a reduction of $1164.63 in one year. From this amount, however, must be deducted the accrued interest on the debt, viz.: $236.92, which leaves a net reduction of $927.71. Ten more of the coupon bonds were then disposed of to the Brethren, and the amount applied to the payment of the claims of Bro. Charles M. Howell and the City of Lancaster. These bonds were disposed of as follows: George Lutz 1, G. M. Zahm 6, G. M. Kline 1, Horace Rathvon 1, and W. H. Gorrecht 1. The Lodge was fairly launched in its era of prosperity. These bonds were all redeemed and the entire debt of the Lodge canceled by the close of the year 1865.

At a special meeting held November 24, 1857, W. M. Bro. J. J. Sprenger presented to the Lodge on behalf of Bro. D. D. G. M. Charles M. Howell a framed lithograph of Peter Williamson, Esq., R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, also two smooth ashlers. The thanks of the Lodge were tendered Bro. Howell for these presents, which are still in the possession of the Lodge.

This special meeting being called for the purpose, the R. W. Grand Master Peter Williamson, Esq., accompanied by his Grand Officers, honored the Lodge with his presence. The report of the R. W. Grand Secretary spoke in terms of the highest praise of the doings of the Lodge and it was remarkable for the absence of a single adverse criticism.

At the December meeting the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Elam D. Hurst, W. M.; Henry Baumgardner, S. W.; John L. Atlee, Jr., J. W.; H. L. Zahm, Treasurer; J. M. Westhaeffer, Secretary, and David Reese, Charles E. Wentz and Christian Widmyer, Trustees.

During the year 1857 thirty-one members were initiated, two admitted, and three withdrew.

At the stated meeting of March 10th, 1858, a donation of $100 was received from P. M. Bro. James Buchanan, and at this same meeting he was elected an honorary member, and granted a certificate.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Bros. Henry Baumgardner, W. M.; John L. Atlee, Jr., S. W.; George M. Kline, J. W.; H. L. Zahm, Treasurer; J. M. Westhaeffer, Secretary, and Christian Widmyer, Charles E. Wentz and David Reese, Trustees.

Twenty-seven members were initiated, three withdrew and one died during the year 1858.

On January 19, 1859, one of the most active and useful members of Lodge No. 43, and one of the brightest ornaments in Freemasonry in this district was lost to the Lodge on earth by the death of Bro. P. M. Robert Moderwell.

At the stated meeting of February 9th, Bro. P. M. John McCalla offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty Architect of the Universe, in the wise dispensation of his Providence, to remove from the scene of his earthly labors, our well-beloved Brother P. M. Robert Moderwell, therefore

Resolved, That we deeply lament the loss sustained by Lodge No. 43, by the bereaved family of our Brother, and the community at large; we bow in humble submission to the Divine Mandate, in the hopeful assurance that what is our loss, is his gain.

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Moderwell, Masonry has lost one of its brightest ornaments; one, who in prosperity and adversity alike, exhibited the able, unflinching, and conscientious champion of its time-honored tenets.

Resolved, That to the afflicted family of our deceased Brother, we tender our heartfelt sympathies, commending them to the Great Disposer of events, from whence alone cometh our aid, for that consolation which earth can neither give nor take away.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to convey a copy of these resolutions, attested by the proper officer, to the family of our deceased Brother.

Brothers Wm. E. Loke and Jacob Neff having died about the same time, the Lodge room was draped in mourning for three months in memory of these departed brethren.

At the stated meeting of May 11th, a donation of $20 was made to Miss Catharine Yeates, subscription to the Mount Vernon Association.

Previous to the meeting of June 9, 1859, the Charity Committee were not entrusted with any of the funds of the Lodge, it being the custom for the W. M. or the Committee to render any aid in an emergency, and then present the account to the Lodge for approval; or, the Lodge having considered an application, the Committee would act under the instructions received from the Lodge. At this meeting, it was resolved to place a sum of money to the credit of the Charity Committee, from time to time, as circumstances required. This custom was continued until 1864, when the present system of appropriating for that purpose a fixed sum per annum was instituted.

The election for officers in December resulted as follows: Bros. John L. Atlee, Jr., W. M.; George M. Kline, S. W.; Wm. Aug. Atlee, J. W.; H. L. Zahm, Treas.; J. M. Westhaeffer, Sec., and Christ. Widmyer, John Rees, and Chas. A. Heinitsh, Trustees.

Seventeen members were initiated, two withdrew, and three died during this year.

During the year 1860 the debt of the Lodge was reduced $701.64, notwithstanding repairs, purchases of new regalia, numerous acts of charity, and a donation to Western Star Lodge No. 2, of Nebraska City, towards rebuilding their hall, which had been destroyed by fire.

The annual election in December resulted as follows: Bros. George M. Kline, W. M.; Wm. Aug. Atlee, S. W.; Henry Carpenter, J. W.; H. L. Zahm, Treas.; J. M. Westhaeffer, Sec., and Christ. Widmyer, John Rees, and Chas. A. Heinitsh, Trustees.

During the year thirty-three members were initiated, one admitted, five withdrew and three died.

At the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861, the Lodge demonstrated its patriotism by raising a U. S. flag on the hall. A committee was appointed to procure the flag and make all the necessary arrangements.

At a special meeting, called for the purpose on April 23d, which was attended by ninety-three members, the ceremonies were performed. The brethren assembled around the altar, the Past Masters in the centre, when all took the oath of allegiance, after which the flag was raised. A collection was then lifted, which amounted to $69.87, which was applied to paying for the flag, and the balance remaining was distributed among the families of brethren who had left for the war.

Lodge No 43,
A. Y. M.,

Extracts from the Records,

March 8th 5761,

On Motion,

Resolved, That the Dues due, and accruing during the absence of the Brethren in the War, be remitted, also a Certificate be demanded to each Brother, and charged to the Lodge

Attest

[signature]

Lancaster May 9. 61. Sec'y

REPRODUCTION OF CERTIFICATE OF LODGE NO. 43, EXONERATING BRETHREN WHO WERE SERVING IN THE UNION ARMY IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION

At this meeting Bro. D. W. Patterson received the three degrees by dispensation, he having enlisted a military company for service. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the initiation fee of Bro. D. W. Patterson ($25) be donated by the Lodge to the military Company which is commanded by him, to be appropriated as he may desire.

At the meeting of May 8, 1861, on motion of Bro. P. M. Jno. L. Atlee, Jr., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the dues, due and accruing, during the brethren's absence in the war, be remitted, and a certificate be forwarded and charged to the Lodge.

This resolution was rescinded October 14, 1863.

During the year 1861 the debt of the Lodge was reduced $198.36, and twelve members were initiated.

The following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year at the December meeting: Wm. Aug. Atlee, W. M.; Henry Carpenter, S. W.; F. S. Albright, J. W.; H. L. Zahm, Treasurer; J. M. Westhaeffer, Secretary, and the Trustees all reëlected.

During this time, in which the Lodge was struggling with its debt (from 1856), its Grand Lodge dues were neglected and suffered to accumulate until they now amounted to $1394. A committee composed of P. M.'s Charles M. Howell, Henry Baumgardner and George M. Kline, were appointed to go to Philadelphia and make the best compromise possible with the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge.

At the stated meeting of March 12, 1862, this committee reported that they had met the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge on February 26th, and after a full explanation of the financial condition of the Lodge and expression of the committee's views of settlement, it was agreed that the Lodge pay the sum of $600, which would be received in full settlement of dues up to the year 1861. This amount, together with the amount of dues for the year 1861 ($260), was forwarded to the Grand Lodge officers. The Lodge, by this agreement, received an exoneration of $794.

By the failure of the Lancaster Savings Institution, the Lodge suffered a loss of $57, the settlement with the depositors being made this year.

At the stated meeting of December 10th, the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Henry Carpenter, W. M.;

F. S. Albright, S. W.; Edw. W. Swentzel, J. W.; and the Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees were reëlected.

During this year, besides the settlement of the delinquent Grand Lodge dues, the Lodge debt was reduced $148.36, leaving the entire indebtedness of the Lodge, including the thirty-seven bonds, $4611.77.

There were twelve members initiated, one withdrew, and one was expelled.

Washington's birthday, February 22, in 1863, occurring on Sunday, the Lodge by invitation attended divine service in the Duke Street Methodist Church, in the afternoon. The sermon was preached by Bro. James C. Meredith, the pastor of the church at that time. Forty members of the Lodge were present.

The year 1863 was a very prosperous one for the Lodge; forty-one members were initiated, five admitted, one withdrew and five died. During the year $1111.77 of the debt was liquidated, which included the balance due the City and the Farmers' Bank, and two of its bonds, leaving the balance of the $3500 represented by the remaining thirty-five bonds held by the members.

The election for officers in December resulted as follows: Bros. F. S. Albright, W. M.; Edw. W. Swentzel, S. W.; Wm. E. Heinitsh, J. W.; and the remaining officers were reëlected.

At this meeting it was resolved to distribute $150 among the widows of deceased members. This was the first distribution of the kind made by the Lodge, and it established a precedent which has been followed to the present time, accomplishing an immeasurable amount of good. To Bro. P. M. Charles M. Howell belongs the credit of having proposed to the Lodge this commendable charity.

The Lodge being now in the enjoyment of the greatest prosperity it had ever experienced, it was determined to celebrate St. John's day in an elaborate manner. An elegant banquet had been prepared and the tables spread in Fulton Hall, where 140 members and visiting brethren sat down to one of the most sumptuous Lodge banquets ever seen in Lancaster.

On the return from the war of Bro. Col. H. A. Hambright's 79th Regiment, Penn. Vols., on the morning of March 16, 1864, the Lodge assembled in special meeting and proceeded in a body to receive them.

On Wednesday evening, September 28th, the members of the Lodge, to the number of fifty or sixty, accompanied by a band of music, proceeded to York, Pa., and assisted in the ceremony of

dedicating the new Masonic Hall in that place, the brethren returning to Lancaster on Friday following.

At the November meeting $50 were donated to Washington Lodge No. 143, of Chambersburg, Pa., towards the relief of the distress caused by the invasion of that portion of the State by the Confederate army.

The year 1864 was a remarkably busy and prosperous year for the Lodge, and it bears the distinction of witnessing the greatest number of additions to the membership of the Lodge made in any one year during its existence. *Sixty-seven* members were initiated, two admitted, two withdrew and eight died.

At the December meeting the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Henry Baumgardner, W. M.; Wm. E. Heinitsh, S. W.; H. C. Biggs, J. W.; Abner D. Campbell, Treasurer; Hugh S. Gara, Secretary; and the Trustees were reëlected.

Six of the bonds were called in, leaving 29 in existence; $150 was again distributed amongst the widows of deceased members, and $300 was appropriated for the use of the Charity Committee.

CHAPTER IX

1865–1875

THE prosperity and rapid growth of the Lodge, which distinguished the year past, were continued in the year 1865. The great amount of work to be performed rendered it necessary to hold frequent special meetings. The principal business of the year was the conferring of degrees upon the large number of newly elected members. Other incidents of interest were as follows:

In February the Lodge, in conjunction with the Chapter and Commandery, purchased a cabinet organ. This was the first organ used by the Masonic bodies in their meetings and it remained in use until 1879, when the organ now in use was purchased by the Lodge.

At the stated meeting of May 10th, P. G. M. William Barger, our Proxy in the Grand Lodge, visited the Lodge by invitation and conferred the degrees.

At a special meeting of May 15th, the Reverend Bro. John Chambers visited the Lodge by invitation, and delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture. This meeting was attended by a very large number of brethren, noticeable among whom was our distinguished brother P. M. James Buchanan, and this was the last time he attended a meeting of his old Lodge.

During the fall, head and foot stones were placed at the graves of the brethren buried in the lot belonging to the Lodge, in the Lancaster Cemetery.

At the December meeting, the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Wm. E. Heinitsh, W. M.; H. C. Biggs, S. W.; Wm. A. Morton, J. W.; Henry Baumgardner, Treasurer; H. S. Gara, Secretary; and C. Widmyer, Jno. Rees and C. A. Heinitsh, Trustees.

There were forty-seven members initiated, one admitted, four withdrew, and four died during the year.

All the bonds outstanding against the Lodge were canceled, and at the end of the year the Lodge was free of debt and in a very flourishing condition.

During the year 1866, twenty-six members were initiated, one withdrew, and seven died.

The Lodge having no longer a debt, the funds rapidly accumulated, and $200 were invested in city loan.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Bros. Wm. A. Morton, W. M.; S. H. Reynolds, S. W.; Jno. F. Huber, J. W.; and the other officers all reëlected.

At the Quarterly Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pa., held March, 1867, the Ahiman Rezon was amended, establishing the representative system. Accordingly at the stated meeting of the Lodge held March 13th, Bro. P. M. Charles M. Howell was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge from Lodge No. 43. Bro. P. M. Howell served the Lodge acceptably until 1875, when he was succeeded by Bro. P. M. B. Frank Breneman, who has been continued in office to the present time.

On the evening of July 1st, Right Worshipful Deputy, and Acting Grand Master Richard Vaux, Esq., accompanied by his grand officers, honored the Lodge with an official visitation.

At the stated meeting of August 14th, Bros. Geo. H. Ettla, Henry Landes and David Roth withdrew for the purpose of joining in the formation of a new Lodge at Marietta. Their application to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge for a charter was recommended by Lodge No. 43, which was granted September 5th, under the name of Ashara Lodge, No. 398.

Right Worshipful Grand Master John L. Goddard having died in office, the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction were duly notified. Lodge No. 43 appointed a Committee to draft suitable resolutions, and the Lodge Room was draped in mourning for the space of three months.

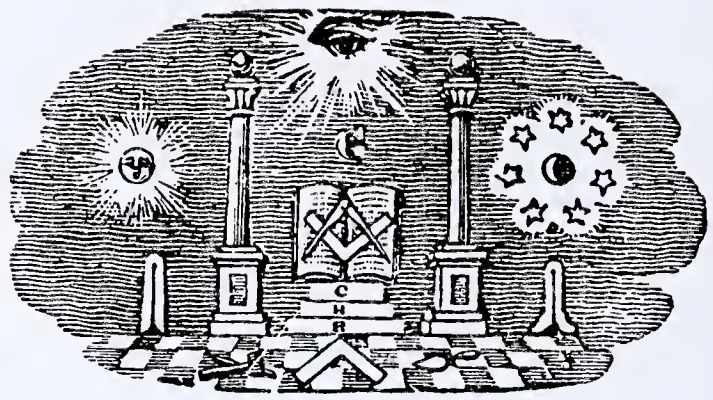
During the year 1857 the Lodge extended aid to several southern Lodges, and donated $200 towards the building of the Children's Home in Lancaster. An additional $1000 were invested, making the investments of the Lodge $3000.

The annual election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Bros. S. H. Reynolds, W. M.; John F. Huber, S. W.; David N. Russel, J. W., and the other officers were all re-elected.

During the year 1867 forty-one were initiated, twenty withdrew, and seven died.

In February, 1868, S. W. elect, Bro. John F. Huber, M.D., died and was buried with Masonic honors.

Brother P. M. James Buchanan having died June 1, 1868, a special meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, June



Masonic Hall, Lancaster, Pa.

Brother:

You are requested to meet Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M., on Thursday, the 4th day of June, A. L. 5868, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late

P. M. HON. JAMES BUCHANAN.

By order of Samuel H. Reynolds, W. M.

H. S. GARA, Secretary.

REPRODUCTION OF FUNERAL NOTICE OF PAST MASTER BROTHER JAMES BUCHANAN

4th, for the purpose of attending his funeral. W. M. Bro. Samuel H. Reynolds announced the object of the meeting, as follows:

Again, the solemn notes that betoken the dissolution of this earthly tabernacle have alarmed our outer door. Another spirit has been summoned to the land where our fathers have gone before us.

Again, we visit the habitation of the dead to offer up to the memory of a departed brother the last tribute of our affection, to demonstrate our esteem for his noble character, and our attachment to the principles of our Order.

We meet today to attend the funeral of the Hon. James Buchanan, Past Master of the Lodge, who died at his residence, "Wheatland," near this city, on Monday last.

Mr. Buchanan became a member of our order in the year 1816. From the time he was first raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, he exhibited great admiration for the tenets of Free Masonry, and made marked progress in our mysteries. Exemplary in his conduct, persevering in the practice of every virtue, he soon gave evidence of that merit which entitled him to Masonic privileges and honors.

In 1822 he was elected Worshipful Master of this Lodge, and filled the office for one Masonic year. Skilled in the noble science of the royal art, true and trusty, he discharged his duties with fidelity, leaving, when he retired from his honorable position, a trestle-board which would bear most critical inspection.

I need not, on this mournful occasion, detain you by referring to the many noble qualities which adorned the character of our brother, in private as well as in public life.

I need not tell you how his native State, nay, how the nation lavished honors upon him. These facts are familiar to all, and when written by a faithful historian, will illumine a page in American history.

In private life he was pure and upright, full of sincerity, a giver of charity without ostentation. As a lawyer, he was eminent, fearless, indefatigable and conscientious. As a public servant he exhibited inflexible fidelity to his trust, and meant to be true to the faith of the fathers of the Republic.

His work is finished. The Grand Master of the Universe has removed him from the cares and troubles of this transitory existence in the Lodge on earth to a state of endless duration in the Lodge on high.

Like all men, he had his faults. None are perfect. Let us, however, commend and imitate his virtues—and as we drop a tear over his grave, let us, as worthy members of an ancient and honorable fraternity, cast around his foibles the broad mantle of Masonic charity.

Upon the conclusion of this address, Bro. Secretary H. S. Gara moved that a committee of five (of which the W. M. shall be chairman) be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of our regard for our late brother, and that the Lodge be draped in mourning for the space of three months.

The motion was agreed to, and the W. M. appointed Bro. H. S. Gara, Past Masters J. J. Sprenger, J. L. Atlee, Jr., Charles E. Wentz and Bro. J. G. Peters said committee, who reported the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe to remove our Brother P. M. James Buchanan, late President of the United States, to whose memory we now offer before the world, the last tribute of our esteem, as a Mason, a patriot and a citizen. Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the duty of every Mason to accept this dispensation of Providence with submission, and in the future be more alive to the sublime truths of our Order, which is founded on Liberality, Brotherly Love, and Charity, so that when the summons comes, we may be prepared to meet our Great Master, in the Lodge on high.

Resolved, That we will ever hold in remembrance the many virtues of our late brother. He was ever ready to promote the best interest of the Fraternity, and through it the good and welfare of society.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere sympathy, firm in the belief that the Great Architect will fold the arms of his protection around them, if they place their trust in him.

Resolved, That these proceedings be placed upon the minutes, and a copy thereof sent to the family of our deceased brother.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Bros. E. D. Hurst, J. J. Sprenger, J. P. Wickersham, Thos. Coleman, Jere. Rohrer, A. S. Bard, W. H. Pool and Samuel Burns were appointed carriers, and Bro. J. M. Westhaeffer, Marshal. The Brethren, to the number of 200, and preceded by the City Cornet Band, proceeded to Wheatland, where they joined the funeral procession.

The remains of Bro. P. M. Buchanan were followed to the grave by the largest cortege that ever attended the funeral obsequies of any President who died out of office. The procession was under the Chief Marshalship of Bro. P. M. Charles M. Howell, it contained not less than 4000 people, and was two miles in length. At the cemetery (Woodward Hill) the Brethren formed a circle around the grave, and, as soon as the religious services had been concluded, the beautiful and impressive Masonic burial service was performed, the Brethren singing a funeral dirge with band accompaniment, and this was one of the most imposing and affecting parts of the memorable scene.

On St. John the Baptist's day, June 24th of this year, the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple, Broad Street, Philadelphia, was laid with appropriate and impressive ceremonies, Lodge No. 43 participating in the same, accompanied by a band.

Among the charities of this year was a donation of $25 to the fair for the benefit of Ashara Lodge, No. 398, of Marietta.

Bro. David N. Russel was elected W. M.; Bro. Adam Z. Ringwalt, S. W.; Bro. George K. Reed, J. W., and the other officers reëlected, at the December meeting.

Twenty members were initiated, one admitted, eight withdrew, and three died during the year.

At the stated meeting of August 11, 1869, Bro. P. M. Samuel H. Reynolds, on behalf of Bro. S. S. Strachan, presented to the Lodge a set of wooden Masonic emblems or working tools. Bro. Strachan's letter, accompanying the gift, was as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., AUG. 7, 1869.

To the W. M., Wardens & Brethren of Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M.

BRETHREN: For a long time I have had under consideration the best method of expressing my profound respect for your Lodge, for your complete and generous extension of Masonic honors to your deceased brother, my father, some years ago.

The selection of a fit emblem of recognition of those services has delayed the tribute till now.

Please accept with my heartfelt wishes for your prosperity, the Masonic emblems herewith. They are made from cedar, inlaid with rare woods, all from the vicinity of our immortal brother's (George Washington's) tomb at Mount Vernon, Virginia; and were cut and brought here by myself.

The cedar forming the bulk of the memento is from a limb overhanging Brother Washington's first tomb.

Fraternally yours, S. S. STRACHAN.

After the reading of this letter, Bro. P. M. Charles M. Howell offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Lodge No. 43 A. Y. M. accept with much pleasure the beautiful Masonic emblems presented by Bro. S. S. Strachan, and the Secretary be directed to convey to Bro. Strachan the thanks of Lodge No. 43, with the fraternal regards of all the brethren.

Resolved, That a suitable frame be placed around the Masonic emblems, and that Bro. P. M. Reynolds be requested to prepare a suitable inscription to be placed on the frame.

The beautiful emblems and relics are among the most valued of our possessions, and have a conspicuous place upon one of the walls of the Lodge rooms.

Among the charities of the year was a donation of $20 to Prince Edwards Lodge, Va.

The election for officers in December resulted as follows: Bro. Adam Z. Ringwalt, W. M.; Bro. Geo. K. Reed, S. W.; Bro. Wm. A. Wilson, J. W.; and the other officers all reëlected.

During the year fourteen members were initiated, three withdrew, and nine died.

At the stated meeting of January 10, 1870, a petition was presented asking the approval of Lodge No. 43, to an application to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, for a warrant to constitute a new Lodge in this City. This petition not being in proper form, no action was had upon it. Considerable opposition to the movement was at this time apparent among the brethren, and a resolution was adopted declaring it "detrimental to the dignity, good order and peace of the Fraternity" to have another Lodge in this City. The brethren interested in the formation of the new Lodge now resorted to a petition to be signed by individual members, whose signatures were solicited outside the Lodge meetings. A resolution strongly condemning this procedure was adopted at the February meeting. The opposition was, however, gradually overcome, and at the stated meeting of May 11th, Bros. P. M. Henry Baumgardner, P. M. Wm. A. Morton, Samuel F. Rathvon, Edward Welchans, J. Fred. Sener, Wm. Z. Sener, H. R. Fahnestock and John A. Shultz withdrew from the Lodge, and a petition bearing their signatures, praying the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge to grant a Warrant to Constitute a new Lodge in Lancaster, being read, was on motion recommended to the favorable consideration of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge. As a result thereof, Lamberton Lodge No. 476 was duly warranted June 1st, and duly constituted June 23, 1870.

The office of Treasurer becoming vacant by the withdrawal of Bro. P. M. Baumgardner, Bro. Charles A. Heinitsh was elected to fill the vacancy, and Bro. P. M. John McCalla was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees caused by Bro. Heinitsh's election as Treasurer.

The report of the Trustees at the close of the year showed that the investments of the Lodge amounted to $7200.

At the December meeting, Bro. George K. Reed was elected W. M.; Bro. Wm. A. Wilson, S. W.; Bro. Jere. Rohrer, J. W., and the other officers all reëlected for the ensuing year.

During the year thirteen members were initiated, two admitted, sixteen withdrew, and three died.

At the stated meeting of March 8, 1871, a number of Brethren withdrew their membership in the Lodge for the purpose of forming

a new Lodge at Safe Harbor. At the April meeting their application was recommended to the favorable consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge. A charter was granted them on June 7th, under the name and number of Charles M. Howell Lodge, No. 496.

During the year improvements were made in the matter of furniture—a new clock was purchased, chairs were substituted for settees, and all were upholstered in blue rep. Among the charities of the year was a donation of $300 to the sufferers from the Chicago fire, which generous act called forth from the venerable Grand Secretary, Bro. John Thomson, the following expressive approval: "*Bully* for Lodge No. 43 in regard to Chicago."

During the year twenty-six members were initiated, fourteen withdrew, and four died.

The following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Wm. A. Wilson, W. M.; Jeremiah Rohrer, S. W.; B. Frank Breneman, J. W., and the other officers were all reëlected.

At the stated meeting of May 8, 1872, Bros. Samuel Slokom, Edwin Garrett, H. S. Kerns, John D. Harrar, Wm. H. Sproul, Joseph D. Pownall and George Pownall withdrew for the purpose of forming a new Lodge at Christiana. A resolution praying the Grand Lodge to grant their request was adopted. The charter of Colerain Lodge No. 417 was transferred to them.

The accommodations for the Lodge and other bodies meeting in the hall proving insufficient, the third-story of the McConomy property, adjoining the Lodge rooms on the west, was rented in November, and a door-way opened into the same.

Among the charities of this year was a donation of $50 to the relief of the sufferers from the Somerset fire.

At the December meeting, the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Jeremiah Rohrer, W. M.; B. Frank Breneman, S. W.; James B. Strine, J. W.; and the other officers were all reëlected.

During the year eleven members were initiated, two admitted, five withdrew, and four died. The investments of the Lodge at the end of the year amounted to $10,600.

The dedication of the new Masonic Temple, Broad Street, Philadelphia, took place on September 26, 1873, and was participated in by a large body of Masons from this and other jurisdictions. The officers and members of Lodge No. 43, accompanied by the City Cornet Band, left the City on the morning of the 26th, arriving in

time to participate in the parade. The Lodge paraded 130 members, and was assigned the position of the left of the third division.

During the year seven members were initiated, one admitted, five withdrew, and two died.

The annual election in December resulted in the following brethren being chosen officers for the ensuing year: B. Frank Breneman, W. M.; John B. Warfel, S. W.; George R. Welchans, J. W.; and the other officers all reëlected.

The year 1874 was uneventful; eight members were initiated, four withdrew, and five died.

The following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year, at the December meeting: John B. Warfel, W. M.; Geo. R. Welchans, S. W.; James P. Wickersham, J. W.; and the other officers all reëlected.

At this meeting the annual appropriation to the charity committee was increased to $600. The investments of the Lodge at the end of the year amounted to $12,600.

CHAPTER X

1875–1885

THE last decade of the century found the Lodge in the enjoyment of the highest degree of prosperity, usefulness and importance.

During the year 1875, the question of making improvements to the hall was agitated. In November consent of City Councils was obtained to erect a stairway to the hall in the west end of the Market House on West King Street. Plans and specifications were drawn and the work begun, but the enemies of the measure persuaded the property committee of Councils to tear the same down, which was done at night. The Lodge being unwilling to enter into a controversy on the subject, took no further steps in the matter at that time.

There were eight initiations, ten were admitted, one withdrew, and six died during the year.

The following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year at the December meeting: George R. Welchans, W. M.; James P. Wickersham, S. W.; Henry P. Eichler, J. W.; and the other officers all reëlected.

The year 1876 was uneventful. New clothing for the officers and new working tools were purchased. Eight members were initiated, one admitted, three withdrew, and three died.

The annual election in December resulted as follows: Bros. James P. Wickersham, W. M.; H. P. Eichler, S. W.; Wm. O. Marshall, J. W.; and the other officers all reëlected.

At the stated meeting held May 9, 1877, eleven members withdrew for the purpose of establishing a new Lodge in Mount Joy. A resolution was adopted recommending to the favorable consideration of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, their application for a charter.

A warrant was granted them on June 6th, under the name and number of Casiphia Lodge, No. 551.

During the year 1877, five members were initiated, fifteen withdrew, four died, and one was expelled.

At the December meeting the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Henry P. Eichler, W. M.; Wm. O.

Marshall, S. W.; John Hull, J. W.; Chas. A. Heinitsh, Treasurer; H. S. Gara, Secretary, and Chr. Widmyer, Jno. Rees and John B. Warfel, Trustees.

At the stated meeting of April 10, 1878, Bro. P. M. Geo. K. Reed presented the Lodge with an engraving of the new Masonic Temple, Broad Street, Philadelphia, which on motion was accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge tendered Bro. Reed for the present.

Among the charities extended by the Lodge during this year was a donation of $50 towards the relief of the yellow-fever sufferers in the southern portion of our country.

The election for officers in December resulted as follows: Bros. Wm. O. Marshall, W. M.; John Hull, S. W.; Eliphalet Oram Lyte, J. W., and the other officers all reëlected.

During the year seven members were initiated, two admitted, five withdrew and one died.

At the stated meeting of January 8, 1879, the By-laws of the Lodge were revised and amended, the result being the By-laws now in use by the Lodge.

At the stated meeting held June 9th, a motion was offered to erect an additional story on the Lodge building. The consideration of the subject was postponed to a special meeting held June 23d, when it was resolved not to erect the additional story, but in place thereof it was resolved to improve the interior of the hall.

The ceiling of the Lodge room was beautifully frescoed, its side walls, as well as the walls of the ante-rooms and stairways, were papered, the wood work was painted, a new carpet was placed on the floor, new chandeliers, new stoves, and a new organ were purchased, and all the Lodge furniture was repaired, the entire improvements costing about $3,500, and when complete making the Lodge room one of the handsomest in the State.

On the evening of Friday, October 3d, the work being finished, a reception was given by the Lodge to its members, their families and friends. An address of welcome was delivered by W. M. Bro. Wm. O. Marshall, which was followed by addresses by D. D. G. M. Bro. Henry Baumgardner and P. M. Bro. B. Frank Breneman. The exercises were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, and all present partook of the hospitalities of the Lodge in the banquet room.

Fully 1500 people participated in this reception. The following evening the hall was opened to the public and was visited by 5000 people.

Rear Admiral William Reynolds, a Master Mason, late a member of Lodge No. 325, Gibraltar, died at Washington, D. C., November 5th, 1879. Previous to his death he expressed the wish to be buried by Lodge No. 43. His remains arrived in this city on the evening of the 7th, and were at once conveyed to Masonic Hall, where they lay in state until the following morning (Saturday, November 8th), when a special meeting of the Lodge was held for the purpose of carrying out the request of our deceased brother. The Lodge was opened at nine and one half o'clock, the business transacted and the Lodge closed, after which the friends of the deceased were admitted and the beautiful and impressive Lodge services for the dead were observed, after which the Brethren, accompanied by the relatives and friends of the deceased, proceeded to the Lancaster Cemetery, where the remains were interred with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

R. W. Grand Master Michael Nisbet, Esq., accompanied by his grand officers, honored the Lodge with a grand visitation on the evening of November 12th.

At the December meeting the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: John Hull, W. M.; Eliphalet Oram Lyte, S. W.; Joel S. Eaby, J. W., and the other officers all reëlected.

During the year six members were initiated, two admitted, five withdrew, and three died.

At the stated meeting held January 14, 1880, a committee consisting of Bros. P. M. Charles M. Howell, P. M. Wm. O. Marshall and H. S. Gara, were appointed to select a suitable testimonial for presentation to Bro. Charles A. Heinitsh, Treasurer.

The committee selected a massive and very elegant silver ice pitcher, which they had appropriately engraved. Bro. P. M. Charles M. Howell, on behalf of the Lodge, in his usual able and impressive manner, presented the gift to Bro. Heinitsh at the stated meeting of the Lodge on February 11th, and Bro. Heinitsh in accepting the gift responded in feeling terms.

On Thursday morning, April 8, 1880, a special meeting of the Lodge was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. General James L. Reynolds, late a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, of Lebanon, Pa. Bro. Reynolds was present at the funeral services held in the Lodge Room over the remains of his brother, Bro. Admiral Wm. Reynolds, and was deeply impressed with their beauty and solemnity, being moved to remark, that that

was the manner in which he wished to be buried when he died. He subsequently made the request that in the event of his death he desired to be buried by Lodge No. 43, and from their Hall. His body lay in state in the Lodge Room, and the Lodge funeral services were observed in full, a Committee from Mount Lebanon Lodge and the relatives and friends of the deceased being present. The remains were interred in Lancaster Cemetery with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

The following brethren were at the December meeting elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Eliphalet Oram Lyte, W. M.; Joel S. Eaby, S. W.; George A. Marshall, J. W., and the other officers all reëlected.

During the year 1880 but two members were initiated, the smallest number of initiations in any one year for thirty-eight years, two withdrew, and three died.

On September 19, 1881, our lamented Bro. Hon. James A. Garfield, President of the United States, died at Long Branch. Many buildings throughout the country were draped in mourning in respect to his memory. The Lodge had the exterior of its Hall tastefully and elaborately draped for thirty days. An extensive and destructive fire having occurred in the State of Michigan, entailing great suffering upon its people, and aid having been solicited from all parts of the country, the Lodge donated the goods used for the above purpose, and $25 in money towards their relief.

In November of this year the Lodge purchased eight additional burial lots in the Lancaster Cemetery.

The annual election for officers held December 14, 1881, resulted as follows: Bros. Joel S. Eaby, W. M.; George A. Marshall, S. W.; James B. Strine, J. W., and the other officers all reëlected.

During the year five members were initiated, and one died.

The Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was observed with appropriate ceremonies in the Grand Lodge room of the Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert streets, Philadelphia, and in the American Academy of Music, and by a grand street parade on St. John's day, June 24th, 1882. Lodge No. 43 having resolved to participate in the celebration, the officers and members of the Lodge to the number of one hundred and accompanied by a band of music, embarked on the morning of the 24th, and participated in the ceremonies and parade.

On November 17th, a special meeting being called for the pur-

pose, R. W. Grand Master Samuel B. Dick, Esq., accompanied by his grand officers, honored the Lodge with an official visitation.

At the stated meeting in December, the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: George A. Marshall, W. M.; James B. Strine, S. W.; Joshua L. Lyte, J. W.; and the other officers all reëlected.

During the year thirteen members were initiated, one withdrew and two died.

At the stated meeting October 10, 1883, Bro. P. M. Charles M. Howell stated that there was now an opportunity to make a decided improvement in our Lodge building by uniting with the city authorities in a proposed remodeling of the same. On motion a committee of five members was appointed to confer with the property committee of Councils in the proposed alterations. A proposition was made to Councils to tear down the entire structure, the Lodge at its own expense to erect a new building on the site of the old, the title to rest in the Lodge, and the city to receive a perpetual lease for the use of such apartments as is necessary for the accommodation of the city officials. Councils failing to accept the proposition or to propose any acceptable substitute, the whole matter was dropped.

The annual election for officers held December 12, 1883, resulted as follows: Bros. James B. Strine, W. M.; Joshua L. Lyte, S. W.; John C. Carter, J. W.; C. A. Heinitsh, Treasurer; H. S. Gara, Secretary, and C. Widmyer, John Rees, and Jere. Rohrer, Trustees.

During the year 1883 seven members were initiated, two admitted, and one withdrew.

At the stated meeting held May 10, 1884, the Trustees reported that they had been making an earnest effort to obtain an entrance to the Lodge rooms from West King Street, and that they had succeeded in obtaining the consent of Select and Common Councils. The following is a copy of the proceedings furnished the Trustees by Clerk of Select Councils.

LANCASTER, SEPTEMBER 5, 1884.

To the Trustees of Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M.

GENTLEMEN: The following communication was presented to Select Councils on Wednesday evening, September 3, 1884, by the Property Committee, and passed, Common Council concurring in the action of Select Council.

In November, 1875, Councils passed a resolution giving permission to Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M. to erect at their own expense, a stairway and

entrance from West King Street to their Lodge room, the said Lodge giving up their right to an entrance and stairway in the rear of the room formerly occupied by the U. S. Post Office. The said stairway to be 5½ feet wide, and constructed as indicated in an accompanying draft.

Application has been made to your Property Committee now to make this stairway, and your Committee consented to the making of the same in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing resolution. Provided, Lodge No. 43 can get the consent of the tenant occupying the restaurant in the old Market House, without in any way affecting the lease between the City and said tenant.

GEO. B. KELLER,
Clerk of Select Council.

The Trustees reported they had obtained the consent of the tenant of the restaurant to proceed with the work, they having paid him the sum of thirty dollars, and he having signed a contract permitting them the free use and right of ingress and egress for the purpose of erecting the stairway and permitting the removal of the window and awning in front of the building.

On motion it was unanimously agreed that the Trustees and Bros. S. W. Joshua L. Lyte and P. M. Wm. O. Marshall be constituted a building committee to have the stairway erected at once.

The work was begun the latter part of September, 1884, and was finished the beginning of February, 1885. The work completed cost about $2300, and is one of the most substantial, convenient and handsome entrances and stairways to any hall in the State.

At the stated meeting of the Lodge held December 10, 1884, the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Joshua L. Lyte, W. M.; John C. Carter, S. W.; Geo. B. Willson, J. W.; Chas. A. Heinitsh, Treasurer; H. S. Gara, Secretary; and Christ. Widmyer, John Rees and Jeremiah Rohrer, Trustees.

During the year 1884, seven members were initiated, one admitted, three withdrew, and four died.

In the year 1885, previous to the Centennial celebration, four members were initiated.

During the one hundred years of the existence of the Lodge, 1089 members have been initiated and 108 admitted to membership, making a grand total of 1197 members.

The records, which for a number of years were imperfectly kept, show the following figures: 369 withdrew, 251 stand suspended, 25 were placed in good Masonic standing, 23 were made by dispensation, never becoming members, 12 were expelled, and 165 died

The membership of the Lodge on April 21st, 1885, was 269. These figures leave 83 of the members unaccounted for, the majority of whom doubtless died while members in good standing.

During the century of its existence, 75 members of the Lodge occupied the Oriental Chair in the East. 34 of these 75 are living at the present time, 29 of whom are still members of the Lodge in good standing, the remaining five having withdrawn. Eight of them, viz.: Bros. Jeremiah Mosher, George H. Whitaker, Ebenezer Wright, Henry Keffer, Thomas Jeffries, Robert Moderwell, Charles M. Howell and Henry Baumgardner were each at two different times elected to that responsible position, while Bro. Jacob Carpenter was three different times, and Bro. William Kirkpatrick was six different times so elected.

The oldest living Past Master of the Lodge is Bro. J. Henry Brown, who was Worshipful Master from St. John's day, 1844, to 1845. He withdrew from the Lodge in 1849, and was admitted a member of Philadelphia Lodge No. 72, where he still holds membership.

The oldest living member of the Lodge is Bro. Christian Gast, who was made a Mason on January 10, 1838.

Since the creation of the office of District Deputy Grand Master, this Masonic district has been presided over by fifteen distinguished brethren in that capacity. They were the following:

Bro. James Buchanan	December	1823 to 1825.
Bro. George B. Porter	"	1825 to 1830.
Bro. Samuel Humes	"	1830 to 1832.
Bro. Nathaniel W. Sample, Jr.	"	1832 to 1837.
Bro. Thomas Jeffries	"	1837 to 1839.
Bro. Robert Moderwell	"	1839 to 1848.
Bro. George B. Kerfoot	"	1848 to 1851.
Bro. Junius B. Kaufman	"	1851 to 1852.
Bro. Jacob Albright	"	1852 to 1854.
Bro. Charles W. Cooper	"	1854 to 1855.
Bro. Charles M. Howell	"	1855 to 1874.
Bro. Fitz James Evans	"	1874 to 1875.
Bro. Henry Baumgardner	"	1875 to 1880.
Bro. B. Frank Breneman	"	1880 to 1882.
Bro. William A. Morton	"	1882 to 1886.

Bro. Sample was a member of Philanthropic Lodge No. 104, and Bro. Evans, of York Lodge, No. 266. The remaining thirteen were all Past Masters of Lodge No. 43, two of them, however, Bros. Baumgardner and our present worthy and efficient District

Deputy, Bro. Morton, are members of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, they having withdrawn from Lodge No. 43, for the purpose of joining in the formation of No. 476.

The season of prosperity which set in for the Lodge in the latter third, continued to the end of the century; when an inventory of her possessions presents the following:

Value of Clothing, Lodge Furniture, etc.....	$3,000 00
" " Real Estate about.....	15,000 00
Investments (Bonds and Mortgages).....	16,000 00
Total.....	$34,000 00

Thus we find Lodge No. 43 enters upon the second century of her existence with a membership of 269, a wealth of $34,000; and, after a chequered and interesting history, occupies a position, for usefulness and importance, second to none under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER XI

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

THE following is an account of the preparation for the Centennial Celebration of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and the manner in which it was celebrated.

At the stated meeting of the Lodge held October 8, 1884, on motion of Bro. P. M. George R. Welchans, it was unanimously resolved, that a Committee consisting of the Past Masters and present officers of the Lodge, be appointed to make all the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the approaching Centennial of Lodge No. 43.

The committee consisted of the following Brethren:

Charles E. Wentz, P. M.,
Junius B. Kauffman, P. M.,
Charles M. Howell, P. M.,
John McCalla, P. M.,
John J. Sprenger, P. M.,
E. D. Hurst, P. M.,
John L. Atlee, Jr., P. M.,
George M. Kline, P. M.,
William Aug. Atlee, P. M.,
Henry Carpenter, P. M.,
Samuel H. Reynolds, P. M.,
David N. Russell, P. M.,
Adam Z. Ringwalt, P. M.,
George K. Reed, P. M.,
William A. Wilson, P. M.,
Jeremiah Rohrer, P. M.,
B. Frank Breneman, P. M.,
John B. Warfel, P. M.,
George R. Welchans, P. M.,
James P. Wickersham, P. M.,
Henry P. Eichler, P. M.,
William O. Marshall, P. M.,
John Hull, P. M.,
Eliphalet O. Lyte, P. M.,
Joel S. Eaby, P. M.,
George A. Marshall, P. M.,
James B. Strine, W. M.,
Joshua L. Lyte, S. W.,
John C. Carter, J. W.,
Charles A. Heinitsh, Treas.,
Hugh S. Gara, Sec.

The Committee met and organized by electing Bro. P. M. B. Frank Breneman, Chairman, and Bro. S. W. Joshua L. Lyte, Secretary.

It was resolved to have the celebration on April 21, 1885, it corresponding to the date of our warrant, viz.: April 21, 1785.

On motion of Bro. P. M. Geo. K. Reed, a Committee consisting of Bros. B. Frank Breneman, Joshua L. Lyte, Hugh S. Gara, Charles M. Howell, and Chas. E. Wentz, was appointed to prepare a programme of exercise.

The programme adopted was as follows:



The Centennial Anniversary

of Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons of Lancaster, Pa. will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 21st, A.L. 5885.

You are fraternally invited to be present.

B. Frank Breneman, P.M., Chairman.
Joshua L. Lyte, W.M., Secretary.

Charles E. Wentz, P.M.
Samuel H. Reynolds, P.M.
William O. Marshall, P.M.
Junius B. Kauffman, P.M.
David N. Russell, P.M.
John Hull, P.M.
Chas. M. Howell, P.M.
Adam Z. Ringwalt, P.M.
Eliphalet Oram Lyte, P.M.
John McCalla, P.M.
George K. Reed, P.M.
Joel S. Eaby, P.M.
J. J. Sprenger, P.M.
William A. Wilson, P.M.
George A. Marshall, P.M.
E. D. Hurst, P.M.
Jere Rohrer, P.M.
James B. Strine, P.M.
John L. Atlee, Jr., P.M.
John B. Warfel, P.M.
John C. Carter, S.W.
George M. Kline, P.M.
Geo. R. Welchans, P.M.
George B. Willson, J.W.
Wm. Aug. Atlee, P.M.
James P. Wickersham, P.M.
Charles A. Heinitsh, Treas.
Henry Carpenter, P.M.
Henry P. Eichler, P.M.
Hugh S. Gara, Sec.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

AFTERNOON

1. Opening of the Lodge at 2 o'clock, P.M.
2. Address by the Worshipful Master.
3. Sketch of the History of the Lodge by the Historian, P. M. George R. Welchans.
4. Addresses by members and others.
5. Closing.

EVENING

The members and visiting brethren to meet at the Lodge-room in full Masonic dress, at 7:00 o'clock, and proceed in a body at 7:15 to Maennerchor Hall, where the banquet would take place at 7:30 o'clock.

The following sub-committees were appointed to carry out the programme which had been adopted.

Committee on Banquet: Bros. Jere. Rohrer, Chairman; Geo. B. Willson, John B. Warfel, Geo. R. Welchans, Geo. A. Marshall, Wm. Aug. Atlee and James B. Strine.

Committee on Printing: Bros. Joshua L. Lyte, Chairman; Wm. O. Marshall, Joel S. Eaby, H. S. Gara, and Wm. A. Wilson.

Invitations were extended to the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the officers and members of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, the Masons residing in Lancaster who were not affiliated with either of the two Lodges, the Worshipful Masters of the remaining Lodges in Lancaster county, and to a number of distinguished members of the fraternity throughout the country.

The invitation to the celebration was printed on a heavy card in a very attractive style, a *fac simile* of which is given at the opening of this chapter.

The Worshipful Master issued a notice for the meeting of the Lodge, a copy of which is here given.

1785--1885

LODGE NO. 43, F. and A. M.,

* LANCASTER, PA. *

CENTENNIAL MEETING:

ON TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST, A. D. 1885.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Afternoon

1. Opening at 2 o'clock, P.M.
2. Short Address by the Worshipful Master.
3. Sketch of the History of the Lodge by the Historian, George R. Welchans, P.M.
4. Short Addresses by Members and others.
5. Closing.

Evening

The Members and Visiting Brethren will meet at the Lodge Room in full Masonic Dress, at 7:00 o'clock, and proceed in a body at 7:15 to Maennerchor Hall, where the Banquet will take place at 7:30 o'clock.

LODGE NO. 43, F. AND A. M.

LANCASTER, PA.

Brother:

A Special Meeting of Lodge No. 43, F. and A. M., will be held at Masonic Hall,

On Tuesday, the 21st Day of April, A.L. 5885,

At 2 o'clock, P.M., to Celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Lodge.

By order of

JOSHUA L. LYTE, W. M.

HUGH S. GARA, *Sec'y.*

OFFICERS

Joshua L. Lyte, *Worshipful Master.*

John C. Carter, *Senior Warden.* — George B. Willson, *Jun. Warden.*

Charles A. Heinitsh, *Treasurer.* — Hugh S. Gara, *Secretary.*

William O. Marshall, *Chaplain.*

George H. Rothermel, *S. D.* — Frank H. Coble, *Jun. Deacon.*

Jacob P. Shirk, *S. M. of C.* — John W. Lansinger, *J. M. of C.*

Wm. D. Weaver, *Pursuivant.* — George Lutz, *Tyler.*

TRUSTEES

C. Widmyer, John Rees, P. M. Jere. Rohrer.

CHARITY COMMITTEE

P. M. George R. Welchans, P. M. Joel S. Eaby,
P. M. William O. Marshall.

PAST MASTERS

Charles E. Wentz,	Henry Carpenter,	Geo. R. Welchans,
Junius B. Kauffman,	Samuel H. Reynolds,	James P. Wickersham,
Chas. M. Howell,	David N. Russell,	Henry P. Eichler,
John McCalla,	Adam Z. Ringwalt,	William O. Marshall,
J. J. Sprenger,	George K. Reed,	John Hull,
E. D. Hurst,	William A. Wilson,	Eliphalet Oram Lyte,
John L. Atlee, Jr.,	Jere. Rohrer,	Joel S. Eaby,
George M. Kline,	B. Frank Breneman,	George A. Marshall,
Wm. Aug. Atlee,	John B. Warfel,	James B. Strine.

Accompanying the invitation and the notice of the meeting was the following circular:

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY. 1785–1885

LODGE 43, F. A. M.,
LANCASTER, PA., MARCH 30, 1885.

Dear Sir & Brother: In order that a seat may be assigned to you at the Banquet, you are earnestly requested to let us know whether you will be present or not. Please reply so that we may receive your answer not later than April 10, 1885.

Yours fraternally,

JOSHUA L. LYTE, W. M.,
Secretary Centennial Committee.

The following letters and telegrams were received in response to the invitations:

FROM THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

PHILADELPHIA, PA., APRIL 21, 1885.

JOSHUA L. LYTE, Esq., *Worshipful Master*, Lodge 43.

Am in the midst of a jury trial, and very sorry not to be able to join you. Best wishes for your renewed prosperity.

E. C. MITCHELL, *Grand Master.*

FROM THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

PITTSBURGH, APRIL 3, 1885.

JOSHUA L. LYTE, Esq., Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir & Brother: The invitation to attend the Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, has been received.

Owing to other engagements about that time I shall not be able to be present, and very much regret that such is the case. Thanking you for the courtesy, and hoping you may all have a most enjoyable occasion, I am

Yours fraternally, JOS. EICHBAUM.

FROM THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
HARRISBURG, APRIL 11th, 1885.

JOSHUA L. LYTE, W. M., *Secretary Centennial Committee of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.*, Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir & Brother: Temporary absence from this city prevented me from replying by the 10th instant, as requested, to the fraternal invitation

to be present at the Centennial Anniversary of your Lodge, to be held on Tuesday the 21st instant. I regret to say that on examining my calendar I find the stated meeting of our Board of Pardons to be fixed for 3½ o'clock on that day; I also find a subpoena to appear as a witness in a land case in one of our County courts that week. I am anxious to be present, but as matters look now it seems that I shall be deprived of the pleasure of meeting my Lancaster brethren on that occasion.

Thanking your Committee for your kind consideration, I am,

Fraternally yours, J. Simpson Africa.

From Past Grand Master Thomson

Philadelphia, April 7, 1885.

Joshua L. Lyte, Esq., W. M., *Secretary Centennial Committee.*

Dear Sir & Brother: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your fraternal invitation to be present at the Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., on Tuesday, April 21, 1885. I sincerely regret that I am physically unable to attend, and I desire to express to the members through you, my sincere and hearty good wishes for the continued prosperity of the Lodge.

Very truly and fraternally yours, John Thomson.

From Past Grand Master Lamberton

The Lehigh University,
South Bethlehem, Pa.,
President's Room, April 13, 1885.

Joshua L. Lyte, Esq., W. M., No. 43, *Secretary Centennial Committee*, Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir & Brother: My absence from home for the past month has prevented an earlier acknowledgment of your fraternal invitation to be present at the celebration of your Centennial Anniversary on the 21st inst. To my great regret, I cannot be with you. I thank you for the invitation.

You have my earnest wishes for a successful celebration, and for the continued welfare and prosperity of your Lodge.

Yours fraternally, R. A. Lamberton.

From Past Grand Master Day

Philadelphia, April 15, 1885.

J. L. Lyte, Esq., Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir & Brother: Since I accepted the invitation to your Centennial Anniversary on the 21st, my cold has developed into bronchitis, and I am used up for the present. The Doctor says I must not go to Lancaster under any circumstances, nor go out at night, hence I am reluctantly compelled to stay at home.

I hope you may have a good time, however, and I feel sure you will. I had looked forward with a great deal of pleasure towards participating with you, as I desired very much to meet some of our Brethren of your Lodge and city again. I have delayed writing as long as possible, hoping to be better, but I am sorry to say I do not feel able to be with you.

Fraternally yours, CONRAD B. DAY.

FROM PAST GRAND MASTER NISBET

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.,
MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA, APRIL 15th, 1885.

My Dear Sir & Brother: I regret that in consequence of the sudden death of a sister I will not be able to attend the Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, on the 21st instant.

Yours fraternally,

MICHAEL NISBET, *Grand Secretary.*

To JOSHUA L. LYTE, *W. M., Secretary Centennial Committee.*

FROM GRAND CHAPLAIN WHITEHEAD

BISHOP'S HOUSE, ELLSWORTH AVE.,
PITTSBURGH, MARCH 31, 1885.

JOSHUA L. LYTE, W. M.

Dear Sir & Brother: Your courteous invitation to take part in the exercises commemorative of the Centennial of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., is received, and I hereby gratefully acknowledge your fraternal kindness.

It is with regret that I find myself debarred because of previous engagements from accepting the invitation so kindly given.

I trust that the occasion may be for all concerned a most joyous and satisfactory one.

Fraternally yours, CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD.

FROM GRAND CHAPLAIN GETZ

WEST PHILADELPHIA, PA., APRIL 6, 1885.

JOSHUA L. LYTE, W. M., Lodge No. 43.

Dear Sir & Brother: Thank you very much indeed for the kind invitation to attend the Centennial Anniversary of your Lodge.

It would give great pleasure, I can assure you, to be present on that most interesting occasion, but I regret sincerely that it will not be possible to do so.

I trust you may have a profitable and joyful time, and that prosperity may continue to favor the Lodge, as well as every individual brother belonging to it.

With statements of personal regard and esteem, I am,

Fraternally, HENRY S. GETZ.

FROM GRAND CHAPLAIN ROBINS

PHILADELPHIA, APRIL 1, 1885.

Dear Sir & Brother: I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous invitation to participate in the Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pa.

It would give me very great pleasure to be with you upon this occasion, but, very much to my regret, I shall be unable, on account of pressing engagements to be absent from Philadelphia on the 21st instant.

Will you tender to the Lodge my congratulations upon the event which they, with very proper pride, now celebrate, and my earnest wishes for its continued prosperity?

Be assured that I entirely appreciate the honor which has been done me in extending me an invitation to your festivities, and of the esteem and regard with which, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JAMES W. ROBINS, *Grand Chaplain.*

JOSHUA L. LYTE, ESQ., *W. M., Lodge No. 43.*

FROM GRAND CHAPLAIN HIRSCH

PHILADELPHIA, APRIL 1, 1885.

TO JOSHUA L. LYTE, W. M., Lancaster, Pa.

Dear & Respected Brother: Your kind invitation to be present at the Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., is at hand.

Grateful for your fraternal courtesy, I beg leave to express my deep-felt regrets, that bodily ailments, and other obligations forbid me to respond personally to your kindness. My prayers are, may the Gr. Ar. of the U. grant your respected Lodge a new *seculum* of prosperity and continued brotherly love.

Truly yours, DR. SAMUEL HIRSCH.

FROM GRAND CHAPLAIN DELO

CLARION, PA., APRIL 8, 1885.

JOSHUA L. LYTE, W. M., *Secretary Centennial Committee*, Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir & Brother: I thank your committee for your fraternal invitation to be present at your Centennial Anniversary. I am sorry circumstances prevent my presence.

I congratulate you on your successfully building a century column in the history of this our truly ancient fraternity. I wish you all prosperity. May your lights be always trimmed and burning and yourselves ready to do the Master's work.

Fraternally, B. F. DELO, P. M.,
Clarion Lodge, No. 277.

From Grand Chaplain Miller

Easton, Pa., March 30, 1885.

Joshua L. Lyte, W. M., *Secretary Centennial Committee.*

Dear Sir & Brother: Accept my thanks for the invitation to attend the Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M. I regret to say that my engagements are such that it will be impossible for me to be present. Wishing you and the Brethren a very pleasant meeting, I am

Yours sincerely, Frank D. Miller.

From Junior Grand Deacon Pattison

Executive Department,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Office of the Governor,
Harrisburg, March 31, 1885.

Joshua L. Lyte, W. M., *Secretary Centennial Committee*, Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir & Brother: I am in receipt of your kind invitation to attend the Centennial Meeting and Banquet of your Lodge of F. and A. M., for which you have my sincere thanks, but I very much regret that my engagements cover the 21st of April—the time fixed—and that I shall be obliged to be absent.

I am, my dear sir,

Fraternally yours, Robert E. Pattison.

From Grand Sword Bearer Chasteau

Philadelphia, April 4, 1885.

Joshua L. Lyte, Esq., *Secretary, etc.*

W. Dear Sir & Brother: Your kind invitation found me an invalid.

Truly do you preside over ye ancient and honorable Lodge. It would afford me great pleasure to be with you, but sickness prevents.

Trusting you may have every enjoyment, I am

Fraternally yours, Louis M. Chasteau.

From Rob. Morris, P. G. M.

Astor House, New York, March 30, 1885.

Joshua L. Lyte, Esq., W. M., Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pa.

Wor. & Dear Brother: The reception of your kind invite to your Centennial causes mingled pain and pleasure. Pride at feeling I am so graciously remembered at your venerable place, is blended with profound regret that my engagements absolutely forbid my presence. It will be an occasion for you all to be proud of, and I know enough of Lancaster Masons to feel sure your proceedings will be crowned with success.

If there is room for my contribution * I shall be happy to offer it as an humble token of my admiration and esteem.

With cordial good wishes,

Your obliged Brother, ROB. MORRIS.

FROM JOHN W. SIMONS, P. G. M.

NEW YORK, APRIL 1, 1885.

W. BRO. JOSHUA L. LYTE, Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir & Brother: I am in receipt of your very kind invitation to participate in the exercises at the Centennial of Lodge No. 43, and should be delighted to accept were it in my power.

But alas, the treadmill of duty holds me fast; but you have my best wishes for a pleasant time, and my hope that the existence of your lodge may continue into centurial years.

Fraternally, JNO. W. SIMONS, P. G. M.

FROM JOHN MILLS BROWNE

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, APRIL 3, 1885.

B. FRANK BRENEMAN, Esq., P. M., *Chairman etc., etc.*

Dear Sir & Brother: I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present at the Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Lancaster, Pa., on the 21st instant.

I have deferred its reply until the present, hoping to be able to accept, but having been ordered as a member of a general court-martial, which presumably will be in session at the time, I have, with much regret, to declare my inability to participate with the B. B. at the memorable festivity.

Convey to the B. B. my due appreciation of the courteous attention, and accept assurances of my high fraternal consideration.

Faithfully yours,

JNO. MILLS BROWNE.

FROM HENRY R. COLEMAN

LOUISVILLE, KY., APRIL 6, 1885.

J. L. LYTE, Esq., *Secretary Centennial Anniversary Committee.*

My Dear Sir & Brother: Permit me to thank you most heartily for the cordial and fraternal invitation to join you in the Anniversary Celebration of the Centenary of your Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., Lancaster, Penn. It would give me great pleasure to be there, but duties which are absolute at this time, preclude the pleasure. I can therefore only send you my warmest wishes for the entire success of the occasion.

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* Bro. Morris' contribution, "Centennial Poem," will be found on page 226.

I lay the elegant card of invitation, &c., away with my other Masonic treasures.

My absence from home delayed my answer.

With fraternal esteem, H. R. Coleman.

From Edwin G. Martin, P. M.

Allentown, April 4, 1885.

Bro. B. Frank Breneman, *Chairman Committee of Arrangements.*

Dear Brother: I am sorry that I cannot accept your kind invitation to be present, to join with you in celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., on Tuesday, April 21, 1885.

Be kind enough to present my compliments to the officers of Lodge No. 43, and to the Brethren of the Committee.

Fraternally yours, &c., Edwin G. Martin.

From H. Stanley Goodwin, P. M.

South Bethlehem, Pa., April 21, 1885.

Master or Secretary of Masonic Lodge, 43.

I greatly regret that I am hindered from going to Lancaster. Please accept my best wishes for future centuries.

H. S. Goodwin.

From Brother Charles F. Rees, Lodge No. 43

Millersville, April 6, 1885.

J. L. Lyte, Esq.

Dear Sir & Brother: While I return my sincerest thanks to the Honorable Lodge No. 43 for their kind invitation to their Centennial Anniversary, I deeply regret to say that it it impossible for me to be present, as I am, and have been, sick for five months and unable to leave the house. O how much would I have liked to attend this festival in the midst of my Brethren of our Lodge, as I did attend a similar one forty-five years ago, namely, the Centennial Anniversary of the National Grand Lodge of Prussia, called "The Three Globes," which was held at Berlin in 1840. But at that time I was a young robust man, while now I am an old man, sick and crippled.

Wishing all the respected Brethren the greatest pleasure and enjoyment, I remain with much respect

Your obedient servant and Bro., Chas. F. Rees.

Regrets were also received from the following named Brethren:

David Conyngham, Paradise, Pa., Lodge No. 43.
Samuel Eby, Elizabethtown, Pa., Lodge No. 43.
John H. Grove, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge No. 43.

Christian J. Hiestand, Florin, Pa., Lodge No. 43.
Francis A. Lyte, Minneapolis, Minn., Lodge No. 43.
John W. Myers, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge No. 43.
Charles H. Nauman, Haulover, Fla., Lodge No. 43.
Jacob Stoner, Jr., Lancaster, Pa., Lodge No. 43.
George W. Wood, Grand Marshal, Philadelphia.
Rev. Luther F. Smith, Grand Chaplain, Mount Union, Pa.
S. Kingston McCay, Grand Steward, Philadelphia.
George W. Kendrick, Jr., P. M., Philadelphia, Lodge No. 59.
Edgar A. Tennis, P. M., Thompsontown, Lodge No. 371.
J. Willis Westlake, P. M., Millersville, Pa., Lodge No. 476.
John V. Montgomery, Millersville, Pa., Lodge No. 476.
Rev. C. F. Knight, Lancaster, Pa., Winslow Lewis Lodge, Mass.
Milton J. Brecht, Lancaster, Pa., Lodge No. 551.
William B. Hall, Lancaster, Pa., Lodge No. 25, Conn.
Coe Mulock, Lancaster, Pa., Lodge No. 407, New York.

THE MEETING OF THE LODGE

The Lodge was opened at 2:15 o'clock p.m., with the following officers present:

Joshua L. Lyte, Worshipful Master.
John C. Carter, Senior Warden.
James B. Strine, P. M., as Junior Warden.
Charles A. Heinitsh, Treasurer.
Hugh S. Gara, Secretary.
William O. Marshall, Chaplain.
George H. Rothermel, Senior Deacon.
Frank H. Coble, Junior Deacon.
Jacob P. Shirk, Senior Master of Ceremonies.
John W. Lansinger, Junior Master of Ceremonies.
William D. Weaver, Pursuivant.
George Lutz, Tyler.

A letter was read from Bro. George B. Willson, Junior Warden, stating that he could not be present at the Centennial on account of the serious illness of his brother at Bradford.

This Centennial meeting of Lodge, No. 43, was one of the largest and most successful meetings the Lodge ever held. Nearly two hundred and fifty Masons occupied seats in our beautiful Lodge Room.

The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thomas R. Patton, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. William A. Morton, honored the Lodge with their presence.

Among the distinguished visitors were Bro. Charles E. Meyer, P. M. of Lodge No. 295, also Bro. William A. Sinn, P. M. of Lodge No. 19, and Grand Tyler of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The visitors present represented the following Lodges:

Montgomery, No. 19, Philadelphia.
Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia.
Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Philadelphia.
Union Lodge, No. 121, Philadelphia.
Washington, No. 156, Drumore Centre.
York, No. 266, York.
Bellefonte Lodge, No. 268, Bellefonte, Pa.
Mountain, No. 281, Altoona.
Columbia, No. 286, Columbia.
Melita, No. 295, Philadelphia.
Barger, No. 333, Allentown.
Goddard, No. 383, Coatesville.
Apollo, No. 386, Philadelphia.
Perkins, No. 402, Philadelphia.
Robert Burns, No. 464, Harrisburg.
Lamberton, No. 476, Lancaster.
Union, No. 479, Morgantown.
Casiphia, No. 551, Mount Joy.
Trenton, No. 5, Trenton, N. J.
Mercer, No. 50, Trenton, N. J.
Ashlar, No. 75, Trenton, N. J.
Column, No. 120, Trenton, N. J.
Eureka, No. 82, Concord, N. H.
Lafayette, No. 111, Baltimore, Md.
Lowville, No. 134, Lowville, N. Y.

The following address of welcome was delivered by the Worshipful Master, Joshua L. Lyte.

Brethren of Lodge 43, Free and Accepted Masons—This special meeting has been called to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of our Lodge. One hundred years ago, on the 21st day of April, 1785, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in extra session assembled, considered "a petition from a number of Brethren from the borough of Lancaster, praying for a warrant," and directed that the "Secretary prepare a warrant, No. 43, with the name of Stephen Chambers, Master; John Doyle, S. W.; and Henry Stuber, J. W.;" by this act creating a Lodge that has had an uninterrupted existence of a century, and to-day stands upon the threshold of its second century, full of life, vigor and hope. It is highly gratifying to the officers of Lodge 43, that so much interest has been manifested by its members in this meeting and so many Brethren are here to participate in its exercises on this anniversary occasion.

Brethren, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and of the various Subordinate Lodges, who are here to join us in these exercises, in the name and on behalf of Lodge No. 43, I extend to you a welcome, a cordial Masonic welcome, to this the Centennial Anniversary of the Lodge.

This is an interesting and important meeting in the history of Lodge 43, and the members are to be congratulated that the Lodge that was organized by a few Masons a hundred years ago, has outlived the gnawing tooth of ten decades, and is now in the full tide of Masonic prosperity, with hundreds of members, a neatly furnished hall, a well filled exchequer, and a standing second to none in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A century ago when Lodge No. 43 was organized, our country had just passed through the thrilling events of the Revolution. Two years before, in 1783, the Continental army was disbanded, and on the first roll of members of this Lodge are the names of those who joined in the war for Independence. Our beloved Brother, General Washington, took his seat as President of the United States four years after this Lodge was organized. The federal Constitution became the law of the new Republic of the United States, in 1789, so that the warrant of Lodge 43, is four years older than the Constitution of our Nation.

Its century of existence is full of Masonic history, and a record of its struggles and triumphs would make a volume. It passed safely through the anti-masonic period, when ignorance, superstition, jealousy and uncharitableness waged a cruel war against an Order founded on Truth, Justice, Toleration, Brotherly Love, Charity, and a firm and full belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and threw our Country into a political revolution that lifted anti-masonic officers into places of the highest rank and power in the State.

It has numbered among its members many of every degree and station in life. A President of the United States, a Governor, a United States Senator, a Judge of the Supreme Court, Ministers to Foreign Countries, Mayors, and many other of the most prominent citizens of our beautiful and prosperous Inland City, have stood in Worshipful Master's station in the east, and with justice and equity, ruled a Lodge of which it might be truly said:

> "We meet upon the level, though from every station come,
> The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his home;
> For the rich must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,
> And the poor man finds his best respect upon the checkered floor."

A sketch of the history of the Lodge will be given by Brother George R. Welchans, P. M., and to this I invite your attention, knowing that the account he will read of the notable events in the life of the Lodge, will be both instructive and interesting.

I trust, too, that all the exercises of the afternoon, and the banquet that follows this evening, will be fully enjoyed by every one.

And now, with the hearty wish that the close of the second century

will find Lodge 43 as happy and as prosperous as the close of the first, and the earnest prayer that the blessings of our beloved fraternity may widen as "the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns," I again bid you, Brethren, welcome, thrice welcome to our festivities.

The Worshipful Master's address was followed by the "Sketch of the History of Lodge, No. 43," which was delivered by the historian, P. M. Bro. Geo. R. Welchans.

The address opened as follows:

A history is a narration of events, in the order in which they occurred, together with their causes and results.

The record of events, chronologically arranged, which occurred during the first century of the existence of this Lodge, together with their causes and results, comprises much more than it would be possible to narrate upon such an occasion as this. I am, therefore, directed to present you a "Sketch of the History."

To do this necessitates a selection of incidents of interest, without reference to order, and with little study of cause and effect.

One hundred years ago this now prosperous city of 30,000 inhabitants was a borough containing from 3,000 to 4,000 people, residing mainly in small plain houses and surrounded by the limited conveniences of those early times. This rural hamlet, though denied the pomp and splendor, the wealth and grandeur of the Oriental cities, yet was not without its seven good and wise men; for among this 3,000 or 4,000 people were to be found seven good and true Brother Masons.

These seven Brothers were Stephen Chambers, Soloman Etting and Henry Dering, Past Masters; and John Doyle, Henry Stuber, Adam Hubley, Jr., and Wm. Feltman, Master Masons. All of them were highly respected and honored citizens, and most of them had been officers in the Revolutionary army, where they had served with distinction.

The address presented in a brief manner many of the interesting historical facts contained in this work, together with short biographical sketches of the founders of the Lodge, and of a number of the most distinguished and active members, who have greatly aided in developing the Lodge's History. The address closed as follows:

Our work is ended. Step by step we have traced the progress of our Lodge from the days of its conception, through its dependent infancy, through its hopeful youth, to its present vigorous maturity; through all its struggles, trials and difficulties, through all its successes and triumphs, until to-day, with the weight of a century upon her shoulders, she stands out bright and conspicuous, second to none in her devotion to the principles of our Order, in her fidelity to the Grand Lodge, under whom she has her being, and in her usefulness and importance among her sister Lodges in this jurisdiction. Thus we find her to-day as she enters upon the second century of her existence, and we bid her God speed in her upward progress to scenes of brighter glories and deeds of greater usefulness.

Great names and great events lie buried in her dead past, but they have "left footprints on the sands of time," and the memory of them lives to-day to stimulate the present and to ennoble and glorify the future.

It occupied a little over one hour in delivery, and was listened to with that rapt attention which gave evidence of the deep interest felt by the members in the history of their old Lodge.

It was followed by interesting addresses delivered by R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla; R. W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thomas R. Patton; Grand Tyler, Bro. Wm. A. Sinn; P. M. Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of No. 295; P. M. Bro. Henry Baker, of No. 281; P. M. Bro. Charles M. Howell; P. M. Bro. Wm. A. Atlee, and P. M. Bro. James P. Wickersham, of Lodge No. 43.

The Secretary, Bro. Hugh S. Gara, read the following letter:

LOUISVILLE, KY., APRIL 6TH, 1885.

J. L. LYTE, ESQ.

My Dear Sir & Brother: Please accept the accompanying copy of my book, as a Centennial offering to the Library of your Lodge.

Fraternally, H. R. COLEMAN.

The book accompanying this letter is Bro. Coleman's latest Masonic work, entitled "Light in the East."

P. M. Bro. Geo. R. Welchans read the following extract from a letter received from our oldest living Past Master, Bro. J. Henry Brown, of Philadelphia, Pa.:

Herewith, I send as a present to the Lodge on its Centennial Anniversary, a Lodge notice dated December 10th, 1792. If the Lodge will accept and preserve it, I will be happy to part with it. I value it highly on account of its great age—being almost coeval with the Lodge itself, and because it was a present from a dear friend. It has been in my possession forty-five years, and was presented to me by Worshipful Master Jacob Albright in 1840.

It bears the marks of a lock of hair having been folded up with it at some time, probably that of the Brother to whom the notice was issued, and perhaps put there by loving hands.

Hoping that the Brethren of No. 43 may have a very pleasant time at the Centennial festival, I remain, yours,

Respectfully and fraternally, J. HENRY BROWN.

This old Lodge notice was arranged between two plates of glass and tastefully framed. It was accepted by the Lodge, and a vote of thanks tendered Bro. Brown for his valuable gift.

The Worshipful Master Bro. Joshua L. Lyte extended a cordial invitation to all who were present to return to the Lodge room at seven o'clock, P.M., and take part in the banquet.

This successful Centennial meeting was then harmoniously closed at 4:30 P.M.

The Banquet

At seven o'clock in the evening the members and their invited guests, to the number of about 300, assembled at the Lodge room, formed in line and preceded by the City Cornet Band, proceeded to Maennerchor Hall, where the Centennial festivities were appropriately ended with a grand banquet.

When Bro. Rev. James Y. Mitchell said grace more than three hundred men bowed their heads in reverence as they stood around the tables in Maennerchor Hall. Covers had been laid for 403, but some were unable to be in attendance. Seven large tables ran the length of the hall, meeting at right angles another, where sat officers of the Grand Lodge, the Past Masters of Lodge 43, and of Lamberton Lodge No. 476. The stage on the south of the room was green in fern, palm and potted plants, from behind which came the sweet strains of music by Thorbahn's orchestra. The tables were profuse in plants and flowers. Following is the

MENU

"Read o'er this:
And after this, and then to feast with
What appetite you have."

Shrewsberry Oysters, on half shell

Snapper Soup — Puree of Clam

Columbia Shad — French Fried Potatoes

Of the various fishes that come from the sea,
There are none so good to be had,
And none that's so juicy and toothsome to me,
As a nice baked Columbia shad.

Roast Beef — Roast Mutton — Roast Chicken

Ham — Beef Tongue — Spiced Oysters

Hammondsport Sec — Special "Centennial" Vintage

"Give me a bowl of wine,
In this I bury all unkindness."

Fried Oysters — Saratoga Potatoes

Lobster Salad — Chicken Salad

"Small cheer and great welcome,
Makes a merry feast."

Vanilla Ice Cream

Oranges — Bananas — Apples — Nuts

French Coffee

John Copeland, Caterer

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The wine was specially labeled for the occasion and bore the following: "A.D. 1785–A.L. 5785, Lodge 43 F. and A. M.—Centennial A.D. 1885–A.L. 5885, made to the order of Jere. Rohrer." The flowers were furnished by A. D. Rohrer & Bro.

It was eight o'clock when the guests sat down to the banquet. Thirty-five waiters under the direction of Joseph Lebar were kept busy until midnight.

During the latter courses of the banquet the festivities were enlivened by speech and song.

The first toast was the "Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," which was responded to by R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla.

The Centennial Poem, written for the Centennial of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., by Bro. Rob. Morris, was then read by Rev. Bro. James Y. Mitchell, of Lodge No. 51. It is as follows:

How the souls of friends departed
  Hover o'er this joyful scene!
Tender, brave and faithful-hearted
  They have left their memory green;
    Could we see them,
  Smiles on every face were seen.

As they view our gladsome meeting,
  It recalls a thousand joys;
As they hear our cheerful greeting
  'Tis to them a glorious voice:
    'Tis the echo
  Of one hundred years of joy.

One by one the loved ones perished,
  But they left the chain still wound;
Every virtue that they cherished
  Here is found as here they found;
    Thus in Heaven
  Blessed souls with ours are bound.

So shall we, though long-departed,
  When an hundred years are sped,
Join the brave and faithful-hearted,
  Who around this Lodge shall tread,
    And our memories
  Shall be cherished here, though dead.

"Masonry Around the Globe" was responded to by P. M. Bro. Wm. A. Wilson, of No. 43.

"Our Centennial" by P. M. Bro. James P. Wickersham, of No. 43.

"Our Sister Lodges" by Bro. B. Frank Eshleman, of No. 476.

"Brother George Washington" was drunk in silence, all standing.

Addresses were also delivered by Bros. A. C. Reinoehl, Rev. James Y. Mitchell, P. M. William J. Fordney, P. M. A. J. Kauffman P. M. Charles E. Wentz, and P. M. George R. Welchans.

The proceedings were interspersed with music by the orchestra, and with songs by the brethren, and it was midnight's hour before the curtain dropped on the last act of the Centennial Celebration of Lodge No. 43.

CHAPTER XII

1885–1900

THE one alloy of the successful Centennial Celebration just narrated was a communication by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother E. Coppé Mitchell to the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43, calling attention to the violation of Masonic Law, in admitting to the banquet several prominent citizens of Lancaster who were not members of the fraternity, and which was directed to be read in open Lodge. The address was most courteous, and simply called attention to decisions on the subject, and exonerated the Worshipful Master of all intention to do wrong or set at defiance the regulations on the subject.

After the interesting events recorded by the Historian of the first one hundred years of the existence of Lodge No. 43, we find the vigor of the Mother Lodge of Lancaster County unabated, the impetus of the Centennial Celebration showing with marked effect in her continued prosperity.

At the meeting of May 13, 1885, a committee was appointed for the purpose of taking in charge all matters in connection with the printing and distribution of the History of Lodge No. 43, as prepared by Past Master Brother George R. Welchans. Proper pecuniary recognition and engrossed resolutions were presented to the author for his admirable work.

Resolutions directing the Trustees to procure a bookcase for the nucleus of a library, and that a Library Committee be appointed to take charge of the matter in connection therewith were adopted.

During the year 1885 there were fifteen initiated, two restored to membership, two resigned, and two died.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Brothers John C. Carter, W. M.; George B. Willson, S. W.; George H. Rothermel, J. W.; Charles A. Heinitsh, Treas.; Hugh S. Gara, Secy.; John Rees, Christian Widmyer and Jeremiah Rohrer, Trustees.

In the early part of 1886, the Centennial History of Lodge No. 43 was completed, in a handsome volume of over 300 pages, and distributed among the members, Grand Officers, and others, and to various libraries throughout the country.

An appropriation of twenty-five dollars was made to the earthquake sufferers of Charleston, S. C.

During the year there were seven initiations, one admitted, two resigned, three suspended and one died.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Brothers George B. Willson, W. M.; George H. Rothermel, S. W.; Jacob P. Shirk, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

In 1887 Lodge No. 43 became a member of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, for the detection of Masonic impostors, and the Charity Committee thereby relieved of much imposition by these traveling fakers. The Lodge also became a member of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, located at Philadelphia, in April, and Past Master Brother Joshua L. Lyte was appointed its first representative.

During 1887 there were eight initiations, one admitted and eight died.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted in the reëlection of Brothers George B. Willson, W. M.; George H. Rothermel, S. W.; Jacob P. Shirk, J. W.; as by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, the Worshipful Master was required to serve two years to become a member of the Grand Lodge. This resolution was rescinded during the year, restoring the time of service to one year. The Treasurer and Secretary were reëlected, and Brothers Christian Widmyer, Jeremiah Rohrer, William O. Marshall, Trustees, and B. Frank Breneman, Representative to the Grand Lodge.

At the January meeting in 1888 was inaugurated the beautiful custom of presenting a medal to members who had held continuous membership in this Lodge for a period of fifty years. The first recipient of this honor was Brother Christian Gast, who stood steadfast during the trying times of Free-masonry in Lancaster. It was an honor worthily bestowed, and has been continued to the present time. It is of silver, in the form of a disc, about the size of a silver dollar, with raised emblems of the order on the face, with suitable engraving, and enameled in blue, while the reverse is engraved with the full event of the presentation. It is suspended by a blue ribbon attached to a silver bar, on which the name of the recipient appears in blue enamel. It is a highly prized memento by all those fortunate enought to be entitled to it.

February 9, a special memorial service was held in the Lodge room in memory of the deceased members of the previous year, an unusual number of prominent members having died, including

three past masters, the tyler who had served during many years, one of the trustees, and a number of brethren. An elaborate program was prepared, and eulogistic addresses delivered by prominent brethren in memory of each of the members who had passed to the Great Beyond. The attendance of members was large and it seemed a fitting recognition of the virtues and services of those who would meet with us no more.

May 9, the fifty-year jewel was presented to Brother Christian Widmyer, one of the trustees, who at this time had served in that position for thirty-one consecutive years.

A contribution of twenty-five dollars was made to Garfield Lodge, No. 559, DuBois, Pa., which had suffered in the great fire of that town.

During 1888 six were initiated, one resigned, two suspended and one expelled.

The election of officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Brothers George H. Rothermel, W. M.; Jacob P. Shirk, S. W.; Henry Carpenter, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

1889 was a prosperous year for the Lodge, little of historic importance occurring. A contribution of one hundred dollars was made to sufferers of Johnstown's great flood.

During the year twelve were initiated, one resigned, two died, one expelled and two suspended.

At the election at the December meeting the following were elected: Brothers Jacob P. Shirk, W. M.; Henry Carpenter, S. W.; George R. Rohrer, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

At the May meeting of 1890, the Worshipful Master, Brother Jacob P. Shirk, called Past Master Brother Jeremiah Rohrer to the Chair, giving him the privilege of raising his son Howard Rohrer to the degree of Master Mason, which was done in an impressive and accurate manner. At its conclusion the Worshipful Master resumed his station, when in some interesting remarks he stated that the raising of Brother Howard Rohrer, by his father Past Master Jeremiah Rohrer, marked a very unusual and interesting event in the history of Lodge No. 43, inasmuch as it was the fourth son that Brother Rohrer was permitted to raise to the sublime degree of Master Mason: Brother Jacob B. Rohrer, June 8, 1881, Brother George R. Rohrer, April 8, 1885, Brother Grant Rohrer, February 10, 1887, and Brother Howard Rohrer, May 14, 1890. The opinion was expressed that probably no lodge in the United States could rival Lodge No. 43 in this respect. A resolution was offered that

a medal be ordered, suitably engraved for presentation by the Lodge to Past Master Brother Jeremiah Rohrer, commemorating the event. The medal was presented to him by the Worshipful Master at the following meeting, in a suitable presentation speech, which was responded to by Past Master Rohrer in a feeling manner.

It is a matter of congratulation that at the celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of Lodge No. 43, April 9, 1910, father and sons remain members in good Masonic standing in this Lodge, the father beyond the four-score years in age, and that all seated together were permitted to attend its festivities, and the first time that the entire five were enabled to attend the Lodge together.

During the year an edict was issued by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, requiring each candidate to be examined as to his proficiency in the preceding degree in open Lodge before advancement, and for some years this custom was observed by the Lodge.

During the year six members were initiated.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Brothers Henry Carpenter, W. M.; George R. Rohrer, S. W.; John R. Kauffman, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

In 1891 ten dollars was appropriated to Bloss Lodge, No. 350, toward a fund for the relief of a disabled brother.

Four were initiated and two withdrew.

The following officers were elected at the December meeting: Brothers George R. Rohrer, W. M.; John R. Kauffman, S. W.; James C. Wiley, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

In 1892 the secretary's salary was increased to one hundred and fifty dollars per year. Ten dollars was appropriated to Temple Lodge, No. 248, Tunkhannock, Pa., for the relief of a daughter of one of its deceased members, and five dollars was contributed to Petrolia Lodge, No. 363, toward the payment of the indebtedness of their hall.

During July and August of the year electric light was installed into the hall and building of the Lodge at a cost of $770.00, and the gas chandeliers which were removed from the Lodge room were on motion presented to St. John's Episcopal Church, which present was acknowledged by the Vestry of that congregation in a graceful letter of thanks.

Ten dollars was appropriated to Everett Lodge, No. 524, for the benefit of a destitute member.

In the Trustees' Annual Report of November 9, 1892, an interesting statement was made of the expenditures of the Lodge in the improvements of its property, including the original cost of the hall in 1800, and the expenditures from 1856 to date, which shows that to this time the property has cost the Lodge $20,609.29. This applies principally to the improvements of the real estate.

On November 25 Brother Christian Widmyer, a member of this Lodge for over fifty-four years and a Trustee for thirty-five years, was buried with Masonic honors. Touching tributes were paid his memory by a number of the Past Masters and the Worshipful Master extolling his worth as a citizen and his untiring zeal and interest in the Lodge.

During the year six members were initiated, two admitted, and two resigned.

The following officers were elected at the December meeting: Brothers John R. Kauffman, W. M.; James C. Wiley, S. W.; Andrew H. Hershey, J. W., and Gustavus Groezinger, Trustee, in place of Brother Christian Widmyer, deceased. All the other officers were reëlected.

The year 1893 was an important one in the history of the Lodge, in the purchase by the Trustees of the McConomy property, adjoining the Masonic Hall on the west, for the sum of $13,800.00. By resolution the Trustees were instructed to convert this property into purposes necessary for the several Masonic bodies meeting in said Lodge room as follows: Convert the second story room of said building, together with the adjoining room on the east, into a banquet hall; convert the third story room into an armory for the use of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., and for other purposes, and the first floor remodeled into a modern store room, and also to place an improved heating apparatus in all the properties belonging to the Lodge for the purpose of heating the entire property with heat other than stoves, the whole to be completed by September 1, 1894.

A beautiful silver trowel was presented to the Lodge by a committee from Gramercy Lodge, No. 537, of New York, as a testimonial for the services rendered by the Lodge in conducting the funeral of Brother De Ville, a member of Gramercy Lodge. Proper acknowledgment of the receipt of the same was made to Gramercy Lodge by resolution, a copy of which was forwarded to them.

During the year ten were initiated, two resigned and one withdrew.

The following officers were elected at the December meeting: Brothers James C. Wiley, W. M.; Andrew H. Hershey, S. W.; John W. Lansinger, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

During the year 1894 the improvements ordered to be made to the McConomy building, and the installation of a new heating plant were completed to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge. A modern store room was constructed on the first floor and the second and third floors were finished as directed, and a hot water heating plant installed throughout the entire property. The cost of the improvement to the building was $2,240.22, and of the heating plant $1,115.72, which added to the original cost of the building, $13,800, made a total cost of $17,155.94. Lodge No. 43 was now very comfortably and conveniently housed throughout in its own building.

During the year seven were initiated and three resigned.

At the December meeting the following officers were elected: Brothers Andrew H. Hershey, W. M.; John W. Lansinger, S. W.; J. Fred. Fisher, J. W.; and the other officers reëlected.

At the January meeting of 1895, Past Master Brother Henry Carpenter stated that as the improvements ordered to be made to the Lodge property had now been completed in such a satisfactory manner, by the untiring efforts of Past Master Brother Jeremiah Rohrer, chairman of the Trustees, who devoted much time and labor to the work, he considered it but right and proper that some notice should be taken of it. He therefore offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of six, of which the Worshipful Master should be one, be appointed to procure and present to Brother Rohrer a testimonial for his services, which was seconded and adopted. The Worshipful Master appointed Past Masters Henry Carpenter, George H. Rothermel, Joshua L. Lyte, Joel S. Eaby, John B. Warfel, with himself as the committee.

At the June meeting the testimonial procured in obedience to the resolution above, was presented to Past Master Brother Jeremiah Rohrer by the Worshipful Master Andrew H. Hershey, with the following address:

Brethren: At a stated meeting of this Lodge in January last, a resolution was adopted that a committee be appointed to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to Past Master Brother Jeremiah Rohrer, in recognition of services rendered this Lodge, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The committee having performed its duties reports: The

testimonial has been procured, suitably inscribed, and is now ready for presentation.

Brother Jeremiah Rohrer: as chairman of this committee, I have the honor of addressing you on this occasion. For some years there has been a growing feeling among many of the older members, that you should receive some recognition from the Lodge for the services you have rendered as Trustee. Some among us who have been initiated into this honorable fraternity within the past ten years, may have wondered what particular merit singled you out among others for this distinction. By referring to the History of Lodge No. 43, I find you were elected Trustee in 1883, and have been reëlected annually to the present time. Shortly after your first election the agitation of a front entrance to our hall was revived. The privilege originally having been granted by City Councils in November, 1875, at which time I learn you had already prepared the plans for this improvement. The principal obstruction having been overcome, the work was begun, and with the aid of your able assistants, the result, under your supervision and direction, was the magnificent stairway, which is the pride of the Lodge, and the admiration of every observing visitor. For a period the ordinary routine duties of the office devolved upon yourself and your colleagues; the property was carefully looked after, kept in repair, and the investments safely and judiciously made. When in the fall of 1893, Lodge No. 43, through its Trustees, purchased the McConomy building adjoining on the west, your active mind at once began to devise plans for the improvement of the property for the profit of the Lodge and the enjoyments of its members. What was accomplished, again under your direct supervision and instruction, we contemplate with pleasure. The interior of the old building has been transformed and changed to suit its various uses, while the banquet room is a thing of beauty. When we consider our surroundings at this time, we cannot fully appreciate the mental strain and physical labor required to accomplish the result. The work is done, and done to the satisfaction of the Lodge. To say you were the moving spirit, the master workman in the improvements, is no disparagement to your colleagues, and it is in recognition of these valuable services, this labor of love, without expectation of fee or reward, on behalf of the committee and this Worshipful Lodge, I present this beautiful and valuable testimonial, trusting that in its reception and use you may derive as much pleasure as its presentation affords me, and after life's cares are ended it may be handed down from generation to generation a cherished heirloom from an honored ancestor.

Past Master Jeremiah Rohrer made the following reply:

Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren: In accepting this beautiful present, valuable as I know it is, but infinitely more precious to me because it is an evidence of your friendship and goodwill, I have thought it my duty to give a short history of the movements which have resulted in our securing the conveniences which we now enjoy.

Of course, I know that an excellent history of Lodge No. 43 has been published, but in that many minor details had to be omitted. My efforts will be to supplement that with a short statement of facts relating to the improvements in our building, and I trust these will not prove uninteresting to the Brethren.

In 1875, twenty years ago, Brother William D. Stauffer, then mayor of this city, stated in this Lodge that the city was about to partition off offices in the lower part of the City Hall. That the old stairway, eight feet in width, which many years ago entered this Hall in the northeast corner, was very much in the way, and prevented the squaring of one of these rooms. He then moved that Lodge No. 43 permit the city to remove that stairway. I seconded that motion, but added the proviso that the city give Lodge No. 43 in exchange for the stairway, a five and one-half foot entrance through the Market House, on West King Street.

All old members will remember the inconvenience of the back entrance we then used. In winter we often had to walk over ice and snow, and were frequently obliged to go through the Market shed to get to our entrance door.

At that time the Trustees were Brothers Christian Widmyer, Past Master John McCalla and John Rees. Brother Widmyer being the most active and energetic in looking after the interest of the Lodge, I communicated with him, and together we called upon a number of councilmen, stating to each one that the authorities wanted Lodge No. 43 to vacate the old stairway, and also what Lodge No. 43 asked for in return for the concession. Past Master Brother William A. Wilson was then a member of Common Council, and he at my solicitation drew up a resolution authorizing the proposed exchange. It passed the Common Council with but one dissenting voice, and that was by John Evans, who also made a speech against it. I followed the clerk with the resolution to Select Council; then President Robert A. Evans ruled it out of order, but Brother Benjamin C. Kready, then a member of Select Council, also at my solicitation made a speech in favor of considering the matter, and the presiding officer finally ordered the yeas and nays. The only vote against the resolution was by Robert A. Evans, the President.

The following week Lodge No. 43 met. The action of Councils was reported, and the Trustees were instructed by the Lodge to build the stairway at once. Nothing was done however for some weeks. I then had an interview with Past Master Brother Wilson and Brother Kready, the result being that I drew a plan for the partition which, when in position would cut off from the west side of the market house five and one-half feet of space, to be used by us as an entrance to the Lodge-room, and I handed this plan to Brother Widmyer, at the same time urging him to proceed at once with the work.

Brother Widmyer without any delay employed Captain Elias McMellen to do the carpenter work, and it was arranged to have the job done early in the morning, as we wanted to have the work done without it exciting any special attention. I called about 6 a.m. and found the work nearly completed, and felt satisfied that by daybreak it would be

finished. I left for Philadelphia at 8 a.m. to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge, that being the first Wednesday in December, and the following evening when I returned home was confounded with the information that our partition was laying out in the gutter.

No prayers that night!

The reason assigned for that unexpected change was that that part of the Market House was occupied by butchers, and our partition interfered with three or four stalls which had been rented to them by the market committee, and consequently the committee was bound to protect the renters in their rights, for the year. Daniel McLaughlin was then roofing the old market sheds, in the rear of the hall, and the market committee had him remove the partition.

Nothing was said for some time about the new entrance except in private, in fact very few knew what had been done, and undone, but those immediately interested. At the succeeding meeting of Lodge No. 43 the bill for putting up the partition was presented and paid, but not a word was said in public in relation to it.

Nine years later, in 1884, when I was serving my first year as Trustee of the Lodge, I met on West King Street Brother Charles W. Metzger, who said, "Well, what do you think of it?" I said, "What?" "Why next year, in 1885, we will celebrate our Centennial, and some of our members say they don't want to go up the back way, and that we must have a front stairway, even if we must run it through our storeroom." I answered, "That won't do, that would spoil our storeroom, and the armory above, and at best it would only be a hole in the wall, for no proper entrance could be made in that way."

I immediately called on Brother Hugh S. Gara and stated the situation, who agreed with me that the proposed plan for an entrance would not do, and I then suggested that I call on Mayor D. P. Rosenmiller, and find out if the old resolution, previously passed by Councils, had been rescinded. I did this the same day. I also gave the Mayor a full history of what had been done and undone in the matter.

Mayor Rosenmiller being an intimate friend of mine agreed to look it up, and said if it was all right he would give us his assistance. About that time I met Brother Joshua L. Lyte, then Senior Warden, and asked him to assist the Mayor in looking up the records. The result was that in a few days the mayor told me the resolution was still in force. He further said that he was ex-officio Chairman of the Property Committee, and that he would call them together, and then we should make our statement, and if the Committee would agree, the matter could be brought before Council the following Wednesday.

Brother Widmyer and myself then called personally on each member of the committee, and explained the matter so that there could be no doubt about their voting intelligently. When the Property Committee met, Brother Joshua L. Lyte and I appeared before them. I stated our case as best I could and we then withdrew. The mayor drew up a favorable report, the Property Committee signed it, and it was reported to Councils with their recommendation. It was first brought up in Common

Council, and it passed that body by a unanimous vote. In the Select Council there was but one vote against it, and that was by the president, Robert A. Evans, who said, "Now you have given away five thousand dollars worth of city property."

A short time afterwards Mayor Rosenmiller handed me a copy of the resolution, signed by the clerk of Select Council, and with the great seal of the City attached.

Lodge No. 43 met the following week. The Trustees reported the action of Councils in the matter, and by a unanimous vote the report was received and adopted, and the Trustees were instructed to at once build the entrance and stairway on West King Street. While the vote was being taken, it occurred to me there might be some additional personal work to do, and I asked that Brother Joshua L. Lyte and Past Master Brother William O. Marshall be appointed to assist in the matter.

When the plans were ready an obstacle not anticipated presented itself. The restaurant in the cellar was occupied by a man who had a lease for one year. The largest window in the basement would have to be torn out and a brick wall extending several feet in the cellar would have to be put up to support the marble sills. How to obtain the privilege to do this was a troublesome question. Brother Widmyer and myself visited the restaurant and ate oysters a number of times, our special object being to get well acquainted with the proprietor. Finally, one day I said to him, "The Masons are going to run a stairway up here, and that window must be torn out and a brick wall six feet long must be put up inside." "Oh," said the man, "that will darken the windows and take up my room." I said, "A great many people will go up that stairway every week, and if you manage properly you ought to be able to get the good will of these people and thus increase your business, for these people are good eaters, besides we will be willing to pay you for the damage you sustain, and we will agree to have the work finished and your room in complete order in a day." He said, "How much will you give me?" I said, "Ten dollars." "That's too little," he replied, and after a great deal of parleying I agreed to pay him thirty dollars, and obtained his consent to go on with the work. You can be assured there was no delay in consummating that agreement. I paid him the money at once, and in twenty-four hours the entire work was completed.

I then for the first time felt that we were masters of the situation, and it was well that we paid him thus speedily, for a few days afterwards the keeper of the restaurant expressed great dissatisfaction that he had compromised so cheaply, for he had been told that the Masons were rich, and that he could have gotten a great deal more money if he had only demanded it. I answered that I thought he was fairly paid for the inconvenience. Whether he ever profited by the Masons entering by the new entrance I never ascertained.

The other work was then commenced. The front wall was torn out, the marble and brick work put up and completed, and when that was done I think I was at least one of the happiest men in Lancaster.

We had a constant fear during the progress of the work that Robert A. Evans would have an injunction issued, or do something to retard us, as he was very much opposed to our undertaking, but when the front entrance was completed we felt the danger was over.

The stairway was of course finished in due time. Past Master Brother Charles M. Howell furnished the marble work, C. S. Erisman put up the wood work and Brother George W. Brown did the varnishing and finishing.

To obtain the concession from City Councils the first time and again nine years later, the second time from a new mayor and all new councilmen except Robert A. Evans, and then the necessary permission from the restaurant keeper, required more effort, perseverance and possible strategy, than all the rest of the work combined.

We could not build a stairway until we had the right-of-way. In fact, all the things combined made the anxiety and responsibility upon me very great, and I felt it more than I can now explain or express.

The entrance and stairway was completed in every particular several months before our Centennial Celebration, which took place in April, 1885.

In January, 1894, Lodge No. 43, on motion of Past Master Brother Henry Carpenter, directed the Trustees to remodel the McConomy property, which the Lodge acquired in the fall of 1893, and to put in steam or any other heat except stoves, throughout the building. The work of 1894 you are all familiar with. In addition to an elegant entrance on West King Street, you now have a fine banquet room, convenient kitchen, elevator, closets, etc. A large armory, electric light, and a fine hot water heating plant which did the work so satisfactorily last winter. All gained in the past ten years.

In conclusion, let me say that this year's work was the most annoying and exasperating I have ever had to do, principally because every part of the building was blocked up with closets, chests, book-cases, tables and chairs, and there seemed to be no place to put them. But the work is done, and I hope to the satisfaction of all.

Now, Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren, whatever service I have ever done for Lodge No. 43, I did with pleasure, and with my own free will, and without expectation of fee or reward.

This magnificent present I accept and will appreciate, not so much for its intrinsic value, though I know that is considerable, but more because I shall always regard and keep it as a token of good feeling and fellowship from the Lodge I love so well.

Past Master Brother John B. Warfel followed in some interesting remarks, in which he supplemented many incidents in Past Master Brother Rohrer's work as a Trustee.

The testimonial presented to Past Master Brother Rohrer consisted of a beautiful Gorham sterling silver set costing $259.50, suitably engraved, and contained in a handsome chest.

Resolutions were passed to secure the portraits of all the Past Masters of Lodge No. 43 possible, have them framed, and placed upon the walls of the banquet room. This was the beginning of our interesting picture gallery.

During the year there were nine members initiated, one reinstated, one resigned and three suspended.

At the meeting in December the following officers were elected: Brothers John W. Lansinger, W. M.; J. Frederick Fisher, S. W.: C. Walter Kendig, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

At the March meeting of 1896, a communication was read from the Secretary, Brother Hugh S. Gara, stating that he was ill, and could not appear for installation, and two days before the meeting at which this letter was read he had died. Brother Gara was first elected Secretary of this Lodge in 1864, and served as such continuously to the time of his death, a period of thirty-one years. Brother Gara was an intelligent, courteous gentleman, a careful secretary, and a safe advisor to the Worshipful Master, as his long service in the important position he held fully qualified him to that important service. He was buried from his home on East King Street, and the beautiful Masonic service was performed at his grave.

Owing to the death of Brother Gara, Past Master Brother Joshua L. Lyte was elected Secretary for the remainder of the year.

The organ used in our services was purchased this year, and the old one presented to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church of this city.

The photograph cabinet to contain the photographs of the members was also purchased this year and placed in the banquet room.

During the year nine members were initiated, one admitted, one reinstated, two resigned, four suspended and five died.

At the December meeting the following officers were elected: Brothers J. Frederick Fisher, W. M.; David E. Long, S. W.; Robert W. Groezinger, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

In 1897 an amendment to the By-Laws was adopted exonerating all members from paying further Lodge dues, who had continuously paid dues for fifty years.

A silver trowel, suitably engraved, was presented to Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, Lebanon, Pa., as a testimonial for the fraternal action in performing the burial service on the occasion of the funeral of one of the members of our Lodge.

During the year seven were initiated, one admitted, two resigned and eight died.

At the December meeting the following officers were elected: Brothers David E. Long, W. M.; Robert W. Groezinger, S. W.; Albert D. Pinkham, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

Owing to the installation of electric light throughout the entire building at the remodeling of the McConomy property, the gas fixtures were dispensed with; two of the chandeliers were presented on behalf of the Lodge to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, and one to Emanuel Lutheran Church.

On May 11, 1898, Lodge No. 43 was honored with a Grand Visitation by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother William J. Kelly, accompanied by the Grand Officers. The report of the Grand Secretary shows a number of lapses in the minutes of the Lodge, ending in a very complimentary manner, to both the secretary and the Lodge.

Past Master Brother Charles M. Howell was presented with the fifty-year jewel at the December meeting.

On the twenty-ninth day of December, 1898, Brother Charles A. Heinitsh, Treasurer of the Lodge for twenty-eight consecutive years, passed to the life beyond. Brother Heinitsh was a prominent member for many years; a genial, affable gentleman, a druggist by profession, occupying the store on East King Street, near Christian, where together with his father and grandfather they carried on the business since 1780.

During the year nine members were initiated, one admitted, one reinstated, five suspended, and two died.

The election for officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Brothers Robert Groezinger, W. M.; Albert D. Pinkham, S. W.; William D. Weaver, J. W., and the other officers reëlected, with the exception of the Representative to the Grand Lodge, Brother Henry Carpenter being elected to that office.

Owing to the death of Brother Charles A. Heinitsh, a dispensation for the election of a Treasurer to fill the vacancy was granted by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, which resulted in the election of Past Master Brother Joel S. Eaby.

In 1899 Lodge No. 43 presented a silver trowel to Masters Lodge, No. 244, Knoxville, Tenn., in token of the appreciation of this Lodge in performing the Masonic Funeral Service over the remains of Brother William Grau, one of our members.

During the year there were eight initiations, one admitted, two resigned, and ten died.

At the December meeting the following officers were elected: Brothers Albert D. Pinkham, W. M.; William D. Weaver, S. W.; William H. Keller, J. W., and the reëlection of the other officers, with the exception that Past Master Brother George B. Willson was elected one of the trustees in place of Past Master Brother William O. Marshall.

CHAPTER XIII

1900–1910

THE decade beginning with 1900 shows continued activity and interest in the various functions of Lodge No. 43. It was never in better condition numerically, the membership being of high character, and its financial condition satisfactory—being entirely free of debt and a handsome balance invested.

New By-Laws conforming to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge were adopted.

One hundred dollars of the Lodge funds were appropriated to the sufferers of the great storm of wind and tide in Texas.

During the year there were eight initiated and ten deaths.

The following persons were elected at the December meeting to serve as its officers: Brothers William D. Weaver, W. M.; William H. Keller, S. W.; Frank H. Rudy, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

At the meeting of February 13, 1901, a resolution was adopted that on the death of a member of the Lodge, the Secretary set apart a page in the Minute Book suitably inscribed as a memorial to his memory.

After the assassination of the President, Brother William McKinley, the Masonic Hall was tastefully draped in mourning as a mark of respect to his memory.

There were ten initiated, one admitted and seven died during the year.

The election of officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Brothers William H. Keller, W. M.; Frank H. Rudy, S. W.; Charles L. Marshall, J. W.; and the other officers reëlected with the exception that Past Master Brother William O. Marshall was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge in place of Past Master Henry Carpenter.

On the evening of November 7, 1902, a Special Joint Meeting of Lodge No. 43 and Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, was held by permission and direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Edgar A. Tennis, for the purpose of celebrating the sesquicentennial anniversary of the initiation into Free Masonry of

Brother George Washington. On this occasion there were present 164 members of Lodge No. 43, 118 members of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, and 35 visitors. The meeting was a decided success, complete harmony prevailed, and the exercises and addresses were most pleasing, eloquent and instructive. The order of exercises was as follows:

1. Opening of The Lodge.
   Brother William H. Keller, W. M. of Lodge No. 43.
2. Prayer.
   Past Master Brother William H. Schaum, Chaplain of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.
3. Music.—*Old Hundred.*
   By the Brethren.
4. Reading from Extracts from the Records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Showing its Cordial Relations with Brother Washington.
   Past Master Brother J. Frederick Fisher, Acting Secretary of Lodge No. 43.
   Past Master Brother William L. Marshall, Secretary of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.
5. Music.—*Instrumental.*
6. Address.—*Washington as a Citizen.*
   Past Master Brother John E. Snyder, Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.
7. Music.—"*The President's March.*"
   By the Brethren.
8. Address.—*Washington as a Free Mason.*
   Rev. and Brother Joseph H. Dubbs, D.D., of Lodge No. 43.
9. Music.—*America.*
   By the Brethren.
10. Closing of the Lodge.
    Brother Sydney Z. Evans, Worshipful Master of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.

After the close of the Lodge the members and visitors proceeded to the Woolworth Building, corner of North Queen and Grant Streets, where a banquet had been prepared as a fitting close to the celebration.

The following was the menu:

Oysters — Celery

Oyster Patties — Puff Paste — Olives

Chicken Croquettes — Young Peas

Young Snapper—Stewed

Chicken Salad — Pickles

Individual Ice Bricks

Cake — Coffee

Ginger Ale

Cigars

At the conclusion of the banquet the following toasts were given and responded to. Past Master Brother B. FRANK BRENEMAN, of Lodge No. 43, toast master.

1. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.
   Past Master Brother JOHN W. LANSINGER, D. D. G. M., Lodge No. 43.
2. The Memory of our Deceased Brother George Washington.
   Brother ELWOOD S. SNYDER, Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.
3. Freemasonry Around the Globe.
   Past Master Brother WILLIAM J. FORDNEY, Lodge No. 43.
4. The Country of which Washington was the Father.
   Brother AARON B. HASSLER, Lodge No. 43.
5. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
   Brother J. WILLIAM BROWN, Junior Warden of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.
6. "All Our Friends."—Washington's favorite toast.
   Brother JOHN W. B. BAUSMAN, Lodge No. 43.
7. The Day We Celebrate.
   Past Master Brother REDMOND CONYNGHAM, Lamberton Lodge, No. 476.

"Auld Lang Syne."

During the year eight were initiated, two admitted and ten died.

At the December meeting the following were elected officers: Brothers Frank H. Rudy, W. M.; Charles L. Marshall, S. W.; J. Frank Stevens, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

During 1903 the fifty-year jewel was presented to Past Master Brother Elam D. Hurst, and also to Brother Henry D. Musselman.

The Lodge was the recipient of a unique souvenir from one of the members, Brother George Steinman, which he secured while on a visit to Jerusalem. It consists of a gavel and keystone, suitably framed, one side of the keystone bearing Masonic emblems, and the other the words "From King Solomon's Quarries." The record on the gift reads as follows: "Made from stone taken from Solomon's quarries, under the city of Jerusalem, of which King Solomon's Temple was built. Presented to Brother George Steinman by Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, at a meeting of said Lodge in the Quarries of Solomon, on March 9, 1902, and presented by him to Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M." The gavel is made of highly polished wood that was secured by Brother Steinman on the Mount of Olives.

There were twenty initiated, one admitted, three resigned and five died.

The following officers were elected at the December meeting: Brothers Charles L. Marshall, W. M.; J. Frank Stevens, S. W.; Herbert C. Miller, J. W.; Frank H. Rudy, Secretary, and the other officers reëlected.

In 1904 the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated to the brethren of Safe Harbor, Pa., who were sufferers in the flood that overwhelmed that town.

The large safe was purchased for the better protection of the Lodge records and other property.

Twelve brethren were initiated, one admitted, two expelled, three suspended, one resigned, and eleven died.

At the December meeting the following officers were elected: Brothers J. Frank Stevens, W. M.; Herbert C. Miller, S. W.; G. Howard Sherts, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

During 1905 the following relics were presented to the Lodge: an apron and sash formerly belonging to Past Master Brother Matthew McKelly, who was Worshipful Master of this Lodge in 1826–1827. It was ordered to be framed and placed on the walls of the banquet hall. Also an apron belonging to Brother Isaac

Lightner, who was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, December 13, 1813.

Fifty-year jewels were presented to Brothers John Haar and J. Abram Sprenger.

Owing to the removal of the elected secretary from the Jurisdiction the Right Worshipful Grand Master issued his Dispensation directing the Lodge to hold a special election for Secretary when J. Frederick Fisher was elected to serve the balance of the year.

During the year there were fourteen initiated and nine deaths.

At the meeting in December the following were elected officers: Brothers Herbert C. Miller, W. M.; G. Howard Sherts, S. W.; D. Sherman Smith, J. W.; and the other officers reëlected, with the exception of Past Master Brother Jeremiah Rohrer, who owing to his advanced age declined a further reëlection as Trustee, Brother Rohrer having served twenty-two consecutive years. Past Master Brother Henry Carpenter was elected in his stead.

In 1906 the sum of two hundred dollars was contributed by Lodge No. 43 to the brethren who had suffered in the earthquake and conflagration at San Francisco, California.

During the year there were twelve initiated, one admitted, one suspended, one resigned and seven died.

The following were elected officers at the December meeting: Brothers G. Howard Sherts, W. M.; D. Sherman Smith, S. W.; Washington M. Nixdorf, J. W., and the other officers reëlected with the exception of Brother Gustavus Groezinger, who declined a reëlection as Trustee, Past Master Brother Andrew H. Hershey being elected in his stead.

On behalf of Mrs. M. C. Mehon the Lodge was presented with a jewel, the late property of Miss McKelly, and formerly belonging to her father, Past Master Brother Matthew McKelly. The Lodge directed that the jewel be attached to the apron of Bro. McKelly, which was presented to us some years earlier.

By resolution the salary of the Secretary was increased to two hundred dollars per annum.

During the year 1907 there were twenty initiations, one admitted, one suspended, one resigned, and one died.

At the December meeting the following officers were elected: Brothers D. Sherman Smith, W. M.; Washington M. Nixdorf, S. W.; Samuel R. Fraim, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

During the year 1908, innovations were inaugurated by Lodge No. 43. The wooden awnings which disfigured the front of the

Masonic Hall property for many years were removed. The small room of the Banquet Hall was fitted up with suitable book-cases, easy chairs and writing desk and tables for a library and reading room, or for committee purposes, for the members of the various Masonic bodies meeting in the building, and a permanent custodian was employed to look after the property, and have the reading room open daily and evenings for the convenience of visitors. Additions were also made to the linen, silver and chinaware.

Brother Stuart Cramer, who had been sojourning in England for a time, presented the Lodge with a "Fire Glass" which is a distinctive mark of the social functions of Oxford University Lodge, No. 357, of England, and was sent as a souvenir and symbol of its good fellowship, by the Worshipful Master Brother Biggs, to Lodge No. 43.

The sisters of Past Master Brother James B. Strine presented the jewels of Brother Strine to the Lodge, encased in a glass-covered frame.

At the meeting of November, 1908, the Lodge was advised that a bequest of five hundred dollars had been made to its Trustees, by our late Brother George B. Owens, the income of which is to be used for the support and maintenance of the Masonic Home, at Philadelphia.

At the December meeting the following officers were elected: Brothers Washington M. Nixdorf, W. M.; Samuel R. Fraim, S. W.; Martin M. Harnish, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

At the meeting of May 12, 1909, a resolution was offered by Past Master Brother John W. Lansinger, that a committee consisting of the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge be appointed to consider the advisability of celebrating the one hundred and twenty-fifth Anniversary of this Lodge in 1910. This committee reported in favor of the celebration in a "modest, yet becoming manner," when the Worshipful Master appointed the elective officers and the Past Masters as a committee to arrange for the same.

On December 8, 1909, a resolution was offered and unanimously adopted that Lodge No. 43 appropriate $5,000 towards the building of a Lancaster County Memorial, at Elizabethtown, Pa., on the plot of ground recently purchased by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a Masonic Home.

The investments of Lodge No. 43, at the December meeting of 1909, amounted to $20,700, in addition to the properties Nos. 15 and 17 West King Street, the Lodge Room and entrance to the same, together with the furniture therein, and a Burial lot in Lancaster Cemetery.

Election of officers at the December meeting resulted as follows: Brothers Samuel R. Fraim, W. M.; Martin M. Harnish, S. W.; Thaddeus G. Helm, J. W., and the other officers reëlected.

At the January meeting of 1910 a resolution was offered that a committee be appointed for the purpose of devising some means whereby we might enlarge our building.

The membership April 19, 1910, was 340.

The District Deputy Grand Masters who have served this district during the past twenty-five years were:

Bro. William A. Morton, 1882–1886.
Bro. Andrew J. Kauffman, 1886–1899.
Bro. John W. Lansinger, 1899–September, 1912.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Carrying out the resolution adopted by the Lodge, the committee immediately made preparations for the proper celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Lodge.

The committee organized by electing the Worshipful Master Brother Samuel R. Fraim, chairman; Past Master Brother J. Frederick Fisher, Secretary, and Past Master Brother Andrew H. Hershey, Historian, and Tuesday, April 19, 1910, was the date selected as the most suitable time.

The chairman appointed the following sub-committees:

PROGRAM

P. M. Bro. George R. Rohrer, *Chairman*,
" " William O. Marshall,
" " E. Oram Lyte,
" " John C. Carter,
" " George H. Rothermel.

MUSIC

P. M. Bro. G. Howard Sherts, *Chairman*,
" " John R. Kauffman,
" " Herbert C. Miller,
" " Charles L. Marshall,
" " Martin M. Harnish.

RECEPTION AND INVITATION

P. M. Bro. John W. Lansinger, *Chairman*,
" " Jeremiah Rohrer,
" " George A. Marshall,
" " Henry Carpenter,
" " George B. Willson,
" " William H. Keller.

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P. M. Bro. Andrew H. Hershey, *Chairman*,
" " John Hull,
" " Joel S. Eaby,
" " David E. Long,
" " Robert W. Groezinger.

BANQUET

P. M. Bro. J. Frank Stevens, *Chairman*,
" " Jacob P. Shirk,
" " D. Sherman Smith,
" " Washington M. Nixdorf,
" " Thaddeus G. Helm.

Invitations were extended to the officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the District Deputy Grand Master of the adjoining districts, the elective officers of the various Lodges of Lancaster County, and the elective officers and Past Masters of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, of this city. The limiting of the invitations was made necessary owing to the lack of room for entertainment.

The anniversary meeting was a decided success in all particulars. The Lodge was opened at 5:00 o'clock, p.m., after which the officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were received, and welcomed by the Worshipful Master Brother Samuel R. Fraim; this was followed by an address by Past Master Brother William H. Keller, when the Historical Address was read by Past Master Brother Andrew H. Hershey, followed by an address by Past Master Brother John W. Lansinger.

At this point the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother George W. Guthrie, stated that he preferred making his address within tyled doors, and the Lodge then had the pleasure of listening to an able and instructive address by that Brother.

After the closing of the Lodge, the visitors and members formed in procession and proceeded to the Stevens House, to participate in the banquet and for the conclusion of the program.

The Program which was gotten up in an attractive folder will be found in full on the following pages.

One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary



Warrant granted. April 21st 1785

Masonic Hall Lancaster, Pa.

Tuesday. April 19th 1910

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

of the Constitution of

LODGE No. 43, F. & A. M.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON

APRIL 19, 1910

5:00 O'CLOCK

MASONIC HALL

LANCASTER, PA.

BANQUET

7:30 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

STEVENS HOUSE

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Samuel R. Fraim, W. M., *Chairman*		Henry Carpenter,	P. M.
J. Fred. Fisher, P. M., *Secretary*		George R. Rohrer,	"
Martin M. Harnish, S. W.		John R. Kauffman,	"
Thaddeus G. Helm, J. W.		Andrew H. Hershey,	"
Jeremiah Rohrer, P. M.		John W. Lansinger,	"
George R. Welchans, P. M.		David E. Long,	"
William O. Marshall,	"	Robt. W. Groezinger,	"
John Hull,	"	Albert D. Pinkham,	"
E. Oram Lyte,	"	William H. Keller,	"
Joel S. Eaby,	"	Frank H. Rudy,	"
George A. Marshall,	"	Charles L. Marshall,	"
John C. Carter,	"	J. Franklin Stevens,	"
George B. Willson,	"	Herbert C. Miller,	"
George H. Rothermel,	"	G. Howard Sherts,	"
Jacob P. Shirk,	"	D. Sherman Smith,	"

Washington M. Nixdorf, P. M.

PROGRAMME

AFTERNOON—5:00 O'CLOCK

Opening of the Lodge

Reception of the Grand Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

MUSIC

Remarks by the Worshipful Master.....BRO. SAMUEL R. FRAIM

MUSIC

"Our 125th Anniversary".....BRO. WILLIAM H. KELLER, P. M.

MUSIC

Historical Address.....BRO. ANDREW H. HERSHEY, P. M.

MUSIC

"Our Future".....BRO. JOHN W. LANSINGER, P. M.
District Deputy Grand Master

MUSIC

Closing of the Lodge

MENU

INVOCATION

BISHOP JAMES H. DARLINGTON, *Grand Chaplain*

Oyster Cocktail

"This is a strange thing as e'er I looked on."—*Shakespeare.*

Celery Radishes Olives Salted Nuts

"How queer you are and fresh in this old world."—*Tempest.*

Cream of Chicken

Broiled Shad, Anchovy Butter

"He smells like a fish; a very ancient and fish like smell."—*Tempest.*

Potato Croquettes

Spring Lamb

Peas Baked Tomatoes Au Gratin

"To bring you thus together is no sin."—*Measure for Measure.*

Lobster Salad

"We are such stuff as dreams are made of."—*Shakespeare.*

Ice Bricks Fancy Cakes

"Now comes in the sweetest morsel of the night—
As at English feasts, so I regreet
The daintiest last, to make the end most sweet."
—*Shakespeare.*

Cheese Crackers

"Pray take them, Sir,—Enough's a feast;
Eat some, and pocket up the rest."—*Pope.*

Demi Tasse Cigars

"Foes to my rest and my sleep's sweet disturber."
—*Richard III.*

TOASTS

Bro. Samuel R. Fraim, *Toastmaster*

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
Bro. George W. Guthrie, R. W. Grand Master.

The Fraternal Spirit, Bro. Wm. L. Gorgas, R. W. D. G. M.

ADDRESS—
Bro. Louis A. Watres, R. W. J. G. W.

ADDRESS—
Bro. Wm. B. Chalfant, Grand Chaplain.

"Our Sister Lodge," Bro. Bernard J. Myers,
W. M. Lamberton Lodge.

Addresses

OFFICERS OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Elective Officers

R. W. Grand Master
George W. Guthrie

R. W. Deputy Grand Master
William L. Gorgas

R. W. Senior Grand Warden
J. Henry Williams

R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Louis A. Watres

R. W. Grand Treasurer
William B. Hackenberg

R. W. Grand Secretary
William A. Sinn

John A. Perry, *Deputy Grand Secretary*

Appointed Officers

Grand Chaplains

Wm. B. Chalfant, Thomas M. Jackson, James H. Darlington

Senior Grand Warden
James M. Lamberton

Junior Grand Warden
Harry F. Hawkins

Grand Marshal
J. Warner Hutchins

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George M. McCandless

Grand Pursuivant
Charles S. Bair

Grand Tyler
William B. Joslyn

Secretary to Grand Master
Samuel W. Wray

OFFICERS OF LODGE NO. 43

Elective Officers

Worshipful Master
Samuel R. Fraim

Senior Warden
Martin M. Harnish

Junior Warden
Thaddeus G. Helm

Treasurer
P. M. Joel S. Eaby

Secretary
P. M. J. Fred. Fisher

Representative to Grand Lodge—P. M. William O. Marshall

Trustees
P. M. George B. Willson
P. M. Henry Carpenter
P. M. Andrew H. Hershey

Appointed Officers

John S. Graybill, *S. D.*
William J. Steward, *J. D.*
Gustavus A. Sauber, *S. M. C.*
J. Omar Nissley, *J. M. C.*
Irwin H. DeLong, *Pursuivant*
John S. Graham, *Tyler*

Chaplain
Rev. W. Stuart Cramer

Representative to Masonic Home—P. M. Andrew H. Hershey

Charity Committee
P. M. George R. Rohrer
P. M. Geo. H. Rothermel
P. M. John C. Carter

Library Committee
P. M. David E. Long
Henry E. Carson
Monroe B. Hirsh

Stewards
Henry G. Hoeltzel
Adam H. Herr

District Deputy Grand Master—John W. Lansinger

MEMBERS OF LODGE NO. 43, 1910

Past Masters

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J. Franklin Stevens
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D. Sherman Smith
Washington M. Nixdorf

Past Masters by Admission

William J. Fordney (No. 496); John M. Newbold (No. 26, Del.); Park P. Breneman (No. 14, New South Wales).

Members

Samuel K. Abrahims
Charles F. Adams
William A. Adams
Henry F. Afflebach
Robert M. Agnew
John B. Albright
Alden M. Alexander
Frank Alleman
William C. Alrich
Theodore B. Appel
William N. Appel
Ernest A. Armstrong
Daniel E. Aukamp
Ellis Bachman
Gonsolva D. Bair
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Theodore W. Bare
Abraham L. Barr
Byron B. Barton
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Aaron A. Bear
Grabill Bear
John L. Benedict
George Benkert
Richard Blickenderfer
William Blickenderfer
William D. Bollinger
Warren F. Bossler
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Park P. Breneman
Charles R. Brenner
John R. Brenner
Charles J. Brickner
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Edward Brooks
Warren E. Broome
Abraham G. Brosey
Roland H. Brubaker
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E. Allan Brinkman
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Paul R. Byerly
Henry Carpenter
Henry E. Carson
John C. Carter
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E. Francis Creager
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Isaac N. Diller
Charles Dingee
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Henry Doerr
T. Wilson Dubbs
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Amos L. Eby
Lemuel C. Eby
Christian Eiseman
Samuel G. Elliott
Jacob B. Eshleman
Joseph T. Evans
Samuel E. Fagley
Christian Fate
John Adam Finger
George L. Fisher
J. Frederick Fisher
William F. Fisher
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Aaron H. Gilbert, Jr.
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Daniel G. Glass
Dana H. Graham
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Alpheus G. Groff
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William E. Harner
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Paul Heine
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Simon B. Hirsh
Henry G. Hoeltzel
John A. Hoffman
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Thomas S. Hood
Charles D. Hubert
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John Hull
Henry S. Immel
John H. Irwin
Charles A. Jeffries
George C. Johnson
William H. Kacy
William J. Kafroth
Henry O. Kaufman
John R. Kauffman
J. Frank Keller
William H. Keller
George A. Kemper
C. Walter Kendig
Willis G. Kindig
George W. Kinzer
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Jacob Konigmacher
William F. Kosman
Amos E. Kraybill
Benjamin E. Kraybill
Benjamin C. Kready
Christian Künzler
Eberhart J. Lamparter
George Lancashire
Amos H. Landis
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Jacob B. Landis
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Charles G. Lehman
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Christopher Liller
William H. Liller
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William L. Machmer
Charles L. Marshall
George A. Marshall
William O. Marshall
Henry F. Maxwell
Cornelius F. May
Edw. E. McConkey
William A. McGlinn
DeWitt C. McLaughlin
Emil Meister
Clayton S. Mellinger
Henry C. Metzger
Benjamin P. Miller, Jr.
Herbert C. Miller
John Henry Miller
S. Clay Miller
Solomon J. Miller
Harry R. Mohler
Peter Mohr
Alexander S. Moore
William B. Mowrer
Herman Moss
Sigmund I. Moss
Charles F. Mulhatten
David S. Murr
John K. Murray
Henry D. Mussleman
Edwin C. Mussleman
Frank L. Mussleman
John W. Myers
Martin K. Mylin
Edwin A. Nace
Robert P. Neil
Daniel D. Nein
John M. Newbold
Jacob Omer Nissley
Washington M. Nixdorf
Edwin I. Noble
Philip Nolty
Frank Pfeiffer
C. Martin Pickel
Albert D. Pinkham
Abraham L. Pollock
Frederick Quade
Amos K. Raub
Simon W. Raub
Stuart H. Raub
Milton T. Reeder
Gustavus F. Reichman
Henry Ressler
J. Lyte Ressler
Samuel H. Reynolds
Howard R. Rich
William Riddle
David A. Robinson
Edward M. Robinson
Robert Robinson
George R. Rohrer
Grant Rohrer
Howard Rohrer
Jacob B. Rohrer
Jeremiah Rohrer
George O. Roland
John Roland
Ralph Roland
Seeger Roland
Joseph Roop
Ralph W. Roseboro
Isidore Rosenthal
Harry C. Rote
Charles E. Roth
George H. Rothermel
S. Nixon Rowe
Frank H. Rudy
Daniel Rudy
Howard F. Russel
Richard Russell

William Ruth
Henry E. Rutter
Howard L. Rutter
Jacob R. Rutter
Gustavus A. Sauber
Christian Schaefer
Harry E. Schaeffer
Benjamin S. Schindle
Charles L. Schmidt
Karl A. Schuberth
Scott Guy Seiple
Harry C. Seldomridge
Jacob F. Seldomridge
W. Scott Seldomridge
John A. Shaeffer
George A. Shelley
G. Howard Sherts
David M. Shertz
Harry M. Shirk
Jacob P. Shirk
Simon Shissler
W. Clyde Shissler
Samuel J. Shubrooks
William H. Simpson
John D. Skiles
Aaron D. Smith
D. Sherman Smith
Ira D. Smith
Virginius P. Smith
Asher F. Snyder
Levi Snyder
J. Charles Somers
J. Abraham Sprenger
Charles P. Stamm
William Stansbury
Aaron E. Stauffer
Benjamin F. Stauffer
James B. Stauffer
J. Newton Stauffer
William D. Stauffer
Edwin C. Steigerwalt
George Steinman
William J. Steward
J. Frank Stevens
Jacob Stoner
George W. Strawbridge
Charles G. Strickler
George H. Strickler
John C. Swope
Walter K. Swords
Frank T. Thurlow
James W. Vandergrift
Aaron C. Wade
Henry Walter
Silas N. Warfel
John E. Weaver
Samuel E. Weber
John J. Weh
Milton Weidler
Frank LeS. Weir
George R. Welchans
Harry B. White
Sherman B. White
Harvey M. Whiteside
Charles I. Williams
F. Elmer Williamson
George B. Willson
Franklin Winger
Martin W. Witmer
John K. Woerth
John O. Wohlsen
P. Henry Wohlsen
William Wohlsen
Jacob F. Wolfer
Joseph H. Woods
Frank L. Wright
Robert H. Wright
Harry W. Zwalley
Charles S. Zwally

The address by the Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother George W. Guthrie was delivered in the Lodge room, within tyled doors, and the responses to the other toasts at the banquet, all were impressive, dignified addresses. The program was interspersed with music rendered by Brother John B. Roth's Orchestra, and by inspiring songs by the members. The occasion will long be remembered by those present.

The following officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania honored us with their presence:

Brother George W. Guthrie, *Right Worshipful Grand Master.*
" William L. Gorgas, *Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.*
" Louis A. Watres, *Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.*
" William B. Hackenberg, *Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.*
" John A. Perry, *Acting Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.*
" James H. Darlington, D.D., *Grand Chaplain.*
" Samuel W. Wray, *Secretary to the R. W. Grand Master.*
" Julius F. Sachse, *Librarian of the Grand Lodge.*
" John W. Lansinger, *District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 1.*
" William B. Joslyn, *Grand Tyler.*

There were also sixty-five visitors from Lodges Nos. 21, 156, 286, 385, 398, 417, 476, 496, 528, 551, 587, 606 and 622 of Pennsylvania, No. 66 of Connecticut and No. 473 of North Carolina.

CHAPTER XIV

1910–1920

THE One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the warranting of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., was celebrated April 19, 1910, as narrated in the preceding Chapter; therefore no further mention will be made of that event. The History of Lodge No. 43 as written by Brother George R. Welchans for the first one hundred years, 1785–1885, and brought up to April, 1910, by Brother Andrew H. Hershey, was printed and a copy presented to each member of the Lodge and to the visitors who attended that meeting, and to the Lodges of the County and to various libraries.

The year 1910 was a busy one for Lodge No. 43: twenty-one stated, special and extra meetings were held, with large attendance of Members and visitors. The resolution offered January, 1910, that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of devising some means whereby we might enlarge the Lodge building failed for want of action of the Committee and Lodge.

Action was brought against a Past Master of the Lodge for "unmasonic conduct" which resulted in his suspension; the Brother appealed to Grand Lodge where the action of Lodge No. 43 was sustained.

At the May meeting of the Lodge a number of the members withdrew their membership for the purpose of assisting in forming a new Lodge at Ephrata, Pa.

1910, Grand Lodge took *possession* of the property at Elizabethtown for the Masonic Homes, in which the Lodges of Lancaster County were intensely interested. December 8, 1909, a resolution was offered and unanimously agreed to that Lodge No. 43 appropriate $5000.00 toward the building of a Lancaster County Memorial at Elizabethtown, Pa. Owing to the urgent need by Grand Lodge for funds for the development of the property, it was suggested the proposed fund of about $30,000.00, which the Lodges of Lancaster County expected to raise, be applied to the construction of the Water System of the Homes, as the Lancaster County Memorial. It was (probably unauthorized) so reported to Grand Lodge in September, 1910, when the following action was taken by Grand Lodge:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, F. & A. M.,

Quarterly Communication

Held in Philadelphia, September 7th, A.D. 1910, A.L. 5910.

R. W. Past Grand Master, Brother George B. Orlady, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Brethren of Lancaster County have so generously requested that they be permitted to assume the payment of the contract for the reservoirs, pumping station, the impounding dams, and the necessary connections, at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, which will amount to about Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars, be it

Resolved, That their very liberal offer be accepted, and that the unanimous thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to them.

Extract from the Minutes.

Attest: WILLIAM A. SINN,
Grand Secretary,

September 22, 1910. JOHN A. PERRY,
Deputy.

October 12, 1910, a resolution was offered in Lodge No. 43, approving this action, which met with opposition, and Grand Lodge was informed that Lancaster County wanted to provide a Building. At a later meeting of the Lodge the matter was again considered and the appropriation was awarded to Grand Lodge for the Water System, after a special Committee had viewed the property at Elizabethtown. All the contributions from Lodge No. 43, as well as that from the County Lodges, were later credited to Lancaster County at the time of building the Lancaster County Memorial Building, about $15,000.00. More about this later.

October 23, 1910, Brother Jeremiah Rohrer, Past Master, and Trustee for twenty-two years prior to his death, died aged 83 years. Brother Rohrer was an active member of the Lodge, and took an important part in the improvement of the Lodge property as early as 1875. Being a practical builder his advice was eagerly sought, and when he was elected Trustee the work was practically left in his hands. He was largely responsible for the West King Street entrance to the Lodge room, the remodeling of the "McConomy Building," introduction of modern heating system, etc. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery with Masonic ceremonies. A large attendance of members and visiting brethren testified to his worth as a Mason and citizen.

At the Stated Meeting, December 14, 1910, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year: Brothers Martin

M. Harnish, Worshipful Master; Thaddeus G. Helm, Senior Warden; John S. Graybill, Jr., Junior Warden; Joel S. Eaby, Treasurer; J. Fred. Fisher, Secretary; George B. Willson, Henry Carpenter, Andrew H. Hershey, Trustees; William O. Marshall, Representative in Grand Lodge.

Twenty applications for Degrees and Membership were approved, one for Membership; three deaths; one suspension; ten withdrawals.

At the Stated Meeting, April 12, 1911, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved: That the Worshipful Master appoint a Committee of six to solicit subscriptions from the individual members of the Lodge toward the Memorial in memory of the Masons of Lancaster County, being erected on the Masonic Home site at Elizabethtown." This was the first effort of the Lodge to secure contributions from its members toward the erection of the Lancaster County Memorial Building.

This year being the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a communication was received from the R. W. Grand Master requesting this Lodge to elect one of its members to represent the Lodge upon that occasion. On motion duly made and seconded Brother Martin M. Harnish, Worshipful Master, was elected as representative. A further communication was received from the R. W. Grand Master urging the different Lodges to celebrate this Anniversary in some fitting manner in their own Lodge room, when on motion the Worshipful Master was appointed to act in conjunction with the Worshipful Master of Lamberton Lodge No. 476, with power to act in a joint celebration.

September 26, 1911, the Corner Stone of Grand Lodge Hall at the Masonic Homes was laid by the Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge. Lodge No. 43, together with the Lodges of the County, participated. A special train was secured for the transportation of the members of Lodges Nos. 43 and 476, who were accompanied by the Fourth Regiment Band. A large number of the members of Lodge No. 43 attended this interesting historical event.

At the Stated Meeting, December 13, 1911, the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: Brothers Thaddeus G. Helm, Worshipful Master; John S. Graybill, Jr., Senior Warden; William J. Steward, Junior Warden, and the remaining officers reëlected.

Eleven petitions for the Degrees and Membership were approved; one for Membership; three deaths.

January 10, 1912, the custom of presenting the retiring Worshipful Master with a Past Master's apron was inaugurated, and the action made permanent. By resolution a copy of the 1910 History of Lodge No. 43 was presented to each Masonic Lodge in the County.

At the September Stated Meeting announcement was made of the appointment by the R. W. Grand Master of Brother Andrew H. Hershey, as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, to fill a vacancy.

At the meeting of Lodge No. 43, September 11, 1912, charges were brought against a prominent Member and Past Master of the Lodge for "unmasonic conduct," which later resulted in his expulsion from the Lodge. This was a particularly distressing case as the Brother had faithfully served the Lodge and Grand Lodge for many years.

At a Special Meeting, October 11, 1912, the Lodge was honored with a visitation by R. W. Grand Master Brother William L. Gorgas, accompanied by District Deputy Grand Master Brother Andrew H. Hershey. Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother Benjamin W. Murch, District of Columbia, with a number of Brethren of Lodges Nos. 15 and 17, District of Columbia, and other visitors honored the Lodge with their presence.

At the Stated Meeting December 11, 1912, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year: Brothers John S. Graybill, Jr., Worshipful Master; William J. Stewart, Senior Warden; Ira D. Smith, Junior Warden, and the remaining officers reëlected with exception of Brother Andrew H. Hershey, Trustee, who declined being a candidate, when Brother George R. Rohrer was elected in his stead.

Nine petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; two for Membership; eleven deaths and one expulsion.

At the April meeting, 1913, Amendments to the By-Laws were adopted making many radical changes, particularly insofar as fees and dues were concerned.

At the May meeting a communication was received from the R. W. Grand Master announcing the dedication of Grand Lodge Hall at the Masonic Homes, to take place Thursday, June 5, 1913, at 12 o'clock, noon, to which the Brethren of Lodge No. 43 were invited. Many of the Brethren attended the ceremony.

Election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year resulted as follows: Brothers William J. Stewart, Worshipful Master; Ira D.

Smith, Senior Warden; Clayton S. Mellinger, Junior Warden; John C. Carter, Treasurer, and the other officers reëlected.

Twenty petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; nine deaths and two resignations.

January 14, 1914, Amendments to the By-Laws were presented, and after revision were approved at the subsequent meeting.

Announcement was made of the appointment of Brother Thaddeus G. Helm, Past Master, as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1, to succeed Brother Andrew H. Hershey, who had been appointed on the Committee on Masonic Homes by the R. W. Grand Master, Brother J. Henry Williams.

March 29, 1914, the first religious service of Lodge No. 43 was held at the Masonic Homes.

May 29th, at a Special Meeting, Lodge No. 43 was honored by a Grand Visitation by the Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Brother J. Henry Williams,	R. W. Grand Master,
Brother George F. Knight,	as R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary,
Brother George B. Orlady,	R. W. Past Grand Master,
Brother John E. McCulley,	District Deputy Grand Master,
Brother Thaddeus G. Helm,	District Deputy Grand Master,
Brother Adam Diest,	as Junior Grand Deacon.

Brother T. John Newton, M. W. Grand Master of the District of Columbia, also honored the Lodge with his presence.

Election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year resulted as follows: Brothers Ira D. Smith, Worshipful Master; Clayton S. Mellinger, Senior Warden; Martin W. Witmer, Junior Warden, and the other officers reëlected.

Thirteen petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; twelve deaths, three resignations.

May 22, 1915, Brother Joel S. Eaby, Past Master and Treasurer for fifteen years of Lodge No. 43, died and was buried with Masonic honors.

June 24th, the Officers of Lodge No. 43 laid the corner stone of the Parish House of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pa., permission having been granted by the R. W. Grand Master. Brother Thaddeus G. Helm, District Deputy Grand Master, officiated.

At a meeting of the Representatives of the Lodges of Lancaster County held August 3, 1915, a resolution was prepared to be presented to Grand Lodge, requesting that body to credit the Lodges of

Lancaster County the sum of $15,430.00 which had been paid toward the Water Supply at the Masonic Homes, on condition that the Brethren of Lancaster County raise an additional $20,000.00, the whole to be applied to a Lancaster County Memorial Building on the Masonic Homes grounds. This request was granted by Grand Lodge, when a committee was appointed to solicit individual subscriptions from the members of Lodge No. 43, toward raising the additional $20,000.00 pledged by the Lodges of the County. Owing to the fact that Grand Lodge at that time did not wish the additional building erected, the canvass was not pressed and the matter postponed. The collected funds were put on interest until such time as Grand Lodge approved the erection of the building.

The following officers were elected at the December meeting for the ensuing year: Brothers Clayton S. Mellinger, Worshipful Master; Martin W. Witmer, Senior Warden; Paul B. Hess, Junior Warden, and the remaining officers reëlected.

Fourteen petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; seven deaths; one suspension and one withdrew.

April 12, 1916, a resolution was offered that a Committee be appointed consisting of the Officers and Past Officers for the purpose of celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the admission of Brother James Buchanan, Past Master, into the Lodge, which was agreed to, and further, that a wreath be placed on his tomb June 1st, the anniversary of his death. A motion was also made and agreed to that a suitable Bronze Tablet, commemorating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the admission of Brother Buchanan, be secured and placed upon the wall of the Lodge room.

The following officers were elected at the December meeting for the ensuing Masonic year: Brothers Martin W. Witmer, Worshipful Master; Paul B. Hess, Senior Warden; Paris F. Snyder, Junior Warden; John C. Carter, Treasurer; J. Fred. Fisher, Secretary; George B. Willson, Henry Carpenter, George R. Rohrer, Trustees; William O. Marshall, Representative in Grand Lodge.

Seventeen petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; two deaths.

February 7, 1917, a Special Meeting of Lodge No. 43 was held commemorating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the admission of Brother James Buchanan, Past Master and President of the United States, into Lodge No. 43. Two hundred and fifteen members and ninety-one visitors were present. Lodge opened at 5:20 o'clock in the afternoon by the Officers of Lodge No. 43. The

Lodge was honored by the presence of the Officers of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as follows:

Brother Louis A. Watres,	R. W. Grand Master,
Brother Andrew H. Hershey,	as R. W. Deputy Grand Master,
Brother Julius F. Sachse,	as R. W. Senior Grand Warden,
Brother Henry C. Schock,	as R. W. Junior Grand Warden,
Brother George F. Knight,	as R. W. Grand Treasurer,
Brother John A. Perry,	R. W. Grand Secretary,
Brother J. Henry Williams,	R. W. Past Grand Master,
Brother Thaddeus G. Helm,	District Deputy Grand Master,
Brother William S. Snyder,	District Deputy Grand Master,
Brother Samuel M. Goodyear,	District Deputy Grand Master,
Brother Charles A. Sullivan,	District Deputy Grand Master,
Brother George A. Kain,	District Deputy Grand Master,
Brother S. E. Burke Kinslow,	Grand Steward,
Brother Frank G. Hartman,	Grand Pursuivant.

The Lodge was also honored with the presence of Brother Charles F. Johnson, M. W. Past Grand Master of the State of Maine, and Brother Ben W. Murch, M. W. Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

The following Program was rendered in the Lodge room:

LODGE PROGRAMME

5 o'clock, P.M.

Opening of the Lodge

Reception of Grand Lodge Officers of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

Reception of Past Grand Masters from Foreign Masonic Jurisdictions.

Historical Sketch—Buchanan, the Mason
Brother Thaddeus G. Helm, P. M.,
District Deputy Grand Master.

UNVEILING OF BUCHANAN TABLET

Dedicatory Remarks — Brother Martin W. Witmer,
Worshipful Master.

Addresses — Brother Louis A. Watres,
Right Worshipful Grand Master of Penna.

Brother J. Henry Williams,
Right Worshipful Past Grand Master of Penna.

Brother Ben W. Murch,
Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

Closing of the Lodge

The Lodge closed at 7:05 o'clock, P.M.

Brother Simon Raub, the oldest living member of Lodge No. 43, unveiled the tablet erected in memory of Past Master Brother James Buchanan, which was placed on the east wall of the Lodge room.

The members of the Lodge and visitors then proceeded to the Stevens House, West King and Prince Streets, where the Banquet was held and the principal addresses made.

MENU

Invocation, Brother W. Stuart Cramer

Grape Fruit en Surprise

Fresh Tomato Bouillon

Hamilton Rolls

Escalloped Oysters

Hearts of Celery Olives Radishes

Roast Capon Filled

Candied Sweet Potatoes Legumes Frais

Waldorf Salad

Biscuit Tortoni Coffee Assorted Cakes

Addresses

Brother William H. Keller, P. M., Presiding

Music—Roth's Orchestra

Address—Buchanan, the Citizen, Brother Harry M. J. Klein,
Zeredatha Lodge, No. 451.

Singing—America

Honorary Address—Buchanan, the Statesman,
Brother Charles Fletcher Johnson,
Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the State of Maine.

Music—Roth's Orchestra

The Buchanan Memorial Tablet is of bronze, 12½ x 15 inches, mounted on an oak base, 16 x 19 inches, cut from a tree which grew on the Wheatland property. It is now placed on the wall of the ante-room of the Lodge Hall.



At the meeting, February 4, a resolution was approved to furnish each of the living Past Masters of the Lodge with a Past Master's apron.

At the Stated Meeting, September 12, a resolution was approved that Lodge No. 43 provide a silver Masonic identification mark, with the Brother's name engraved thereon, to each member of the Lodge, who now or hereafter serves in the World War. Two medals were also sent to Grand Lodge Library. Also, Grand Lodge Certificates in leather cases were secured for each member in the War.

The Past Officer's Jewels of Brother Henry E. Carson were presented to the Lodge by the Lancaster Trust Company, Executors. They have been framed and are now in the Library.

At the Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 43, November 14, 1917, the Lodge was honored with the presence of Brother William

Howard Taft, Lodge No. 256, Ohio, ex-President of the United States.

The following officers were elected to serve the Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year: Brothers Paul B. Hess, Worshipful Master; Paris F. Snyder, Senior Warden; Theodore B. Appel, Junior Warden; John C. Carter, Treasurer; J. Fred. Fisher, Secretary; George B. Willson, George R. Rohrer, George H. Rothermel, Trustees; George B. Willson, Representative in Grand Lodge.

Twelve petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; one for Membership; six deaths.

At the Stated Meeting, February 13, 1918, the Lodge received a gift of $100.00 Government Bond from a member of the Lodge, in appreciation, to be added to the investments of the Lodge. The donor, Brother James A. Gilfillan, has since died.

Mr. John C. Spencer presented the Lodge with an oil portrait (by Eichholtz) of our late Brother Robert Moderwell, who was Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43 from 1835 to 1837 and 1846 to 1847.

At the June meeting an Amendment to the By-Laws was offered increasing the Secretary's salary from $200.00 to $250.00 per annum, which was later approved by the Lodge.

Lodge No. 43 contributed to the Grand Lodge War Relief Fund, in two payments, the sum of $700.00.

The election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year resulted as follows: Brothers Paris F. Snyder, Worshipful Master; Theodore B. Appel, Senior Warden; Rufus D. Helm, Junior Warden, and the remaining officers reëlected.

Twenty-two petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; five deaths; two suspended.

February 5, 1919, a Special Meeting was held in memory of Brother Lieutenant Daniel Schneck Keller, killed in action in the Argonne Forest, France, on September 29, 1918. The Masonic Burial Service was performed. Interspersing the services addresses were made by Brothers Redmond Conyngham, Past Master Lamberton Lodge, No. 476; Martin M. Harnish, Past Master Lodge No. 43; William N. Appel, Lodge No. 43; Isadore Rosenthal, Lodge No. 43, and J. Henry Williams, R. W. Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, all of whom paid tribute to Brother Keller as a Mason, lawyer, husband and citizen, and for the supreme sacrifice he had made. Brother W. Clyde Shissler rendered a vocal solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." A framed photograph of Brother Keller was

presented to the Lodge by his father, Brother William H. Keller, Past Master. Brother Daniel Schneck Keller was the only member of Lodge No. 43 to make the "Supreme Sacrifice" in the World War.

At the November meeting a communication was read from the R. W. Grand Master, Brother James B. Krause, calling attention to the erection of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Va., asking that a Committee be appointed to receive contributions equal to one dollar per member of the Lodge. Lodge No. 43 contributed its full quota. At the December meeting $100.00 additional was appropriated making Lodge No. 43 a Charter Member of that Association.

At the November meeting a resolution was offered increasing the Initiation Fee from sixty to one hundred dollars, which was approved at the March meeting, 1920.

At the Stated Meeting in December the Lodge was honored with a visitation by the R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Brother Samuel M. Goodyear.

At the Stated Meeting December 10, the following officers were elected: Brothers Theodore B. Appel, Worshipful Master; Rufus D. Helm, Senior Warden; James B. Stauffer, Junior Warden; and the remaining officers reëlected.

Twenty-nine petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; nine deaths. December 27, 1919, total membership 409. Total investments in the hands of the Trustees $34,370.76, real property not included.

CHAPTER XV

1920–1930

AT the Stated Meeting, September 8, 1920, Brother J. Fred. Fisher on behalf of Brother R. F. Bell, a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 652, Carnegie, Pa., presented the Lodge with an oil painting of Brother Jeremiah Mosher, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43 from December 27, 1795, to June 24, 1796, and from December 27, 1809, to June 24, 1811. It is one of the prized possessions of the Lodge.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to confer with a like committee of the different Masonic bodies meeting in this Lodge Room, for the purpose of considering the advisability of erecting a suitable Tablet in this building containing the names of all the Brethren of the various bodies who have taken part in the World War.

The year 1920 was notable principally for the great number of its meetings, thirty-four stated, special and extra meetings being held, and the many applications for Degrees and Membership, many of which "fell by the wayside."

The following officers were elected to serve for the following Masonic year: Brothers Rufus D. Helm, Worshipful Master; James B. Stauffer, Senior Warden; Walter R. Markley, Junior Warden, and the other officers reëlected.

Forty-three petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; two admitted; twelve deaths; one resignation.

The year 1921 has little of historical interest, except the continued number of meetings and initiations.

The following officers were elected to serve the following year: Brothers James B. Stauffer, Worshipful Master; Walter R. Markley, Senior Warden; Howard Z. Fisher, Junior Warden, and the other officers reëlected.

Forty-five petitions for Degrees and Membership were approved; four admitted; eight deaths; one resignation.

At the Stated Meeting in February, 1922, a committee was appointed to meet with a like committee from Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, for the purpose of revising the By-Laws, especially covering the matter of fees and dues. A committee was also appointed by

the Worshipful Master to consult with the Trustees as to the advisability of enlarging our quarters.

At the September meeting Brother Thaddeus G. Helm, District Deputy Grand Master, advised the Lodge that it was entitled to receive a Certificate from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the application to be made through the District Deputy, in recognition of the members of the Lodge having paid an average of one dollar each towards the erection of that Memorial—the membership of the Lodge being 410, and the contributions amounting to $645.50.

The Lodge, through the Grand Secretary's office, also received two copies of the "Memorial Tree Certificate of Registration by the American Forestry Association," one copy of which was to be sent to the family of Brother Daniel S. Keller, who was killed in battle in the World War, and the other copy to be retained by the Lodge.

A record was made in the Minutes of the Lodge, citing the fact that Brother George R. Rohrer, Past Master, had raised his three sons in this Lodge, the youngest one this evening (September 13, 1922), and that his father, Brother Jeremiah Rohrer, Past Master, had raised four of his sons also, in this Lodge.

The following officers were elected to serve this Lodge for the coming year: Brothers Walter R. Markley, Worshipful Master; Howard Z. Fisher, Senior Warden; W. Arthur Abel, Junior Warden; John C. Carter, Treasurer; J. Fred. Fisher, Secretary; George B. Willson, George R. Rohrer, Paris F. Snyder, Trustees; Andrew H. Hershey, Representative in Grand Lodge.

Thirty-three applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; eight deaths; one resignation and one suspension.

September 12, 1923, Lodge No. 43 was informed that our late Brother John Jacob Weh, in his Will, had made a bequest to the Lodge of $500.00 which was subsequently paid over to the Secretary, less the inheritance tax, or $450.00. Brother Weh also left a substantial bequest to Grand Lodge for the use of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Lodge No. 43 was represented at the laying of the Corner Stone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Va., by a number of its members, November 1, 1923.

This year there was little of historical interest, but it was busy in Lodge activities.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Brothers Howard Z. Fisher, Worshipful Master; W. Arthur Abel,

Senior Warden; Benjamin B. Herr, Junior Warden, and the other officers reëlected.

Thirty applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; one admitted; fourteen deaths and one suspension.

At the Stated Meeting, February 14, 1924, Mr. Henry C. Gast, through Brother Isadore Rosenthal, presented the Lodge the fifty-year Jewel that had originally been given his grandfather Brother Christian Gast, January, 1888. This is the first fifty-year jewel presented to its members by the Lodge, and is now a prized souvenir among its possessions. Brother Thaddeus G. Helm also presented the Lodge a neatly framed replica of the oil painting, the property of Washington-Alexandria Lodge, Alexandria, Va., of Brother George Washington.

At an Extra Meeting, March 28, with a large number of the members of the Lodge and sixty-three visitors present, many of whom were clergymen of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, meeting in Lancaster, the officers of Lodge No. 43 vacated their stations, which were then filled by the visiting clergymen who conferred the Master Mason's Degree on a candidate in a most creditable manner.

May 6, 1924, Brother William O. Marshall, Past Master, Trustee for thirteen years, and Representative in Grand Lodge for many years, died at the age of 85 years.

At the Stated Meeting, October 8, 1924, after a report on the progress of the work on the Lancaster County Memorial, at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, the following resolution was presented by the Chairman of the Committee to the Lodge and adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., be authorized to set apart from the funds in their hands a sum not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7500.00); said sum to be paid to the Grand Treasurer upon demand by him, for the purpose of paying the proportionate part due from this Lodge of the amount necessary to insure the erection of the Lancaster County Memorial Building according to the present plans and specifications.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Brothers W. Arthur Abel, Worshipful Master; Benjamin B. Herr, Senior Warden; Carl W. Ernst, Junior Warden, and the other officers reëlected.

Twenty-three applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; nine deaths; one resignation and one suspension.

February 27, 1925, Brother George R. Welchans, Past Master of Lodge No. 43, and Historian of Lodge No. 43 for its first one hundred years, which history is incorporated in this volume, died, a Guest of the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., aged 80 years. He had been prominent in Masonic circles, as a pharmacist, and later as a practicing physician, enjoying a large and lucrative practice.

The following officers were elected to serve the coming year: Brothers Benjamin B. Herr, Worshipful Master; Carl W. Ernst, Senior Warden; Lawton W. Fleming, Junior Warden, and the other officers reëlected.

Thirty-four applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; one admitted; seven deaths; two suspensions.

At the Stated Meeting of March 10, 1926, the following resolution was offered and approved:

Resolved, That the Lodge authorize and direct the Trustees to procure a new carpet for this room, and also authorize them to make all repairs to the floor that may be necessary. The same to be done during the months of July and August, 1926. Also, that a Committee of four be appointed to act in conjunction with the Trustees in selecting the carpet.

This action resulted in not only furnishing a carpet for the room, but extensive repairs to the roofing, spouting, plumbing, electrical and carpenter work, covering the floors with linoleum, etc., at a total cost of $4372.88.

The Masonic Homes of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, at Elizabethtown, were ever a matter of deep concern to Lodge No. 43, and even more especially to certain individual members of the Lodge.

As early as 1911, Lodge No. 43 participated with the other lodges of the County in raising funds for a proposed Memorial, when a considerable sum of money was raised and presented to Grand Lodge. The first idea was that Lancaster County Lodges should sponsor the construction of the Water System of the Homes, but this did not meet with the approval of the lodges of the County, and while the early contributions were appropriated for that purpose, Grand Lodge afterward credited the County Lodges with the amount contributed, and which had been applied to the Water System, for the erection of the Lancaster County Memorial Building, which was completed, dedicated and presented to Grand Lodge, August 19, 1926, with appropriate Masonic Ceremonies. The following report of Brother Andrew H. Hershey, Chairman of the

Committee of Lodge No. 43, appears in the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of September 8, 1926:

As a matter of record, the Chairman of the Committee of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., of the Lancaster County Memorial at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., reports the completion of the Building and its presentation to the Grand Lodge, Thursday, August 19, 1926. The total cost of the building as presented was $115,345.32, of which Lodge No. 43, together with the contributions of its Membership in the drives of 1911–12, 1916 and 1922–1924 amounted to $36,876.81, with accumulated interest of $748.94, making a total contribution by Lodge No. 43 of $37,630.75. These figures are taken from the Grand Secretary's books. Brother Benjamin B. Herr, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43 presented the building with approved method of lightning protection as a personal gift; American flag, pole and pole holders were presented by two members of Lodge No. 43.

Brother George B. Willson, Past Master of Lodge No. 43, was the first Superintendent of the Homes, serving from taking over the property until completion of Grand Lodge Hall in 1913, when he resigned.

Brother Thaddeus G. Helm, Past Master of Lodge No. 43, has served as Superintendent of the Homes from May 3, 1927, to date.

Brother Andrew H. Hershey, Past Master of Lodge No. 43, was first appointed on the Committee on Masonic Homes by R. W. Grand Master Brother J. Henry Williams, December 27, 1913, and has since been annually elected to the Committee, and has constantly served as Chairman of the Executive Committee, Chairman of the Building Committee of most of the buildings erected on the Homes grounds, and other important matters in connection with the Homes.

Brother Gustavus Groezinger, Trustee of Lodge No. 43 for many years, bequeathed to Grand Lodge for the Masonic Homes, his residence on Marietta Avenue, Lancaster. This was later sold and the proceeds applied to the erection of the Laundry Building at the Masonic Homes. The proceeds of the sale with some accumulations amounted to $10,613.17.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Brothers Carl W. Ernst, Worshipful Master; Lawton W. Fleming, Senior Warden; John W. Wolf, Junior Warden, and the other officers reëlected.

Twenty-nine applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; eight deaths.

At the Stated Meeting of the Lodge April 13, 1927, a committee was appointed by the Worshipful Master, to act in conjunction with

a like committee from the several bodies meeting in the Lodge building, for the purpose of erecting a suitable Memorial Tablet containing the names of the Brethren who had taken part in the late World War.

At the June meeting a contribution of $100.00 was made from the Lodge funds for the sufferers of the Mississippi flood, and the Brethren to be solicited for individual contributions. These later contributed $452.00, which amount was forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

The following officers were elected to serve the coming year: Brothers Lawton W. Fleming, Worshipful Master; John W. Wolf, Senior Warden; James W. Williams, Junior Warden, and the reëlection of the other officers.

Twenty-four applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; one admitted; seven deaths.

February 8, 1928, Brother Harry E. Ulrich, Lodge No. 203, delivered an interesting lecture before the Lodge on "The Ethics of Freemasonry" which was instructive and enjoyed by the Brethren present.

March 14, 1928, the R. W. Grand Master, accompanied by the Officers of Grand Lodge, paid Lodge No. 43 a Grand Visitation, and were received with the Grand Honors.

Brother J. Willison Smith,	R. W. Grand Master,
Brother William S. Snyder,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master,
Brother Otto R. Heiligman,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden,
Brother Scott Smith Leiby,	acting R. W. Junior Grand Warden,
Brother Charles E. Roberts,	R. W. Grand Treasurer,
Brother John A. Perry,	R. W. Grand Secretary,
Brother William A. Rhoads,	Deputy Grand Secretary,
Brother Abraham M. Beitler,	R. W. Past Grand Master,
Brother Samuel M. Goodyear,	R. W. Past Grand Master,
Brother Benjamin B. Herr,	District Deputy Grand Master,
Brother J. Wallace Radcliffe,	as Grand Chaplain,
Brother Andrew J. Schroder,	Senior Grand Deacon,
Brother Philip O. Weiding,	Junior Grand Deacon,
Brother Edgar L. Smith,	as Grand Steward,
Brother Thaddeus G. Helm,	as Grand Steward,
Brother Joseph B. Seaman,	Grand Marshal,
Brother Edward Lewis,	Grand Sword Bearer,
Brother Arthur D. Bacon,	Grand Pursuivant,
Brother William B. Joslyn,	Grand Tyler.

Twenty-one Past Masters and one hundred and forty-six members of Lodge No. 43, and seventeen invited visitors in addition were present.

This was an unusual honor paid Lodge No. 43 and its members, in the large number of Grand Lodge Officers present. A large photograph of the Grand Lodge Officers and the invited guests was taken in the Brunswick Hotel, prior to a luncheon given them by Lodge No. 43.

In the Lodge Room the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree was conferred on one candidate by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother William S. Snyder.

The Memorial Tablet, authorized at the Stated Meeting April 13, 1927, containing the names of the Brethren who had taken part in the World War was completed and placed on the wall of the Lodge Room. The following are those of Lodge No. 43:

BRETHREN WHO SERVED IN THE WORLD WAR

1914 — 1918

Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.

Daniel S. Keller, Made the Supreme Sacrifice

Abel, W. Arthur
Adams, Benjamin Franklin
Adams, Harold
Adams, John M.
Appel, Theodore B.
Armer, Samuel D.
Armstrong, Dwight L.
Armstrong, John W.
Ault, Elias Victor
Bair, Isaac S.
Barr, Harold A.
Bausman, John W. B., Jr.
Behrens, William Wohlsen
Birrell, George Wm.
Bisalski, Richard Gustave
Bowman, Howard H. M.
Breinig, Carl Frederick
Brenner, Charles Raymond
Brod, William
Burkholder, H. Clay
Dean, William S., Jr.
DeHaven, Henry Earle
Doner, Walter H.
Eckman, John Alfred
Evans, Paul K.
Fleming, Lawton Weldon
Flickinger, J. Harold
Foltz, Claude
Frazer, Reah
Frantz, Maurice Clinton
Gansman, Herbert
Gast, Paul C.
Gebhard, William Y.
Goll, George H.
Gormley, Charles David
Grube, Charles S.
Hebble, Christian Blain
Hite, Edward W.
Hoober, Benjamin Harrison
Hollinger, John H.
Hollinger, Reah
Keene, Chester E.
Krick, Samuel B.
Krick, Thomas B.
Lentz, John B.
Limbert, Roy W.
Long, David Raymond
Lynch, Raymond S.
Major, Richard Lee, Jr.
Messenkop, William L.
Mattern, Charles
Meminger, Cyrus H.
Morton, Roy L.
Morton, William Edward
Muehe, Conrad C.
Murray, Chas. E.
Mumma, Stanley N.
Myer, Melvin N.
Mylin, Clement R.
Newcomer, Harry C.
Palmer, Charles Adair
Passmore, Charles W.
Paxon, Roland B.
Pomerantz, Harry
Pyfer, John F.
Riddle, William C.
Rife, Martin D.
Risser, George H.
Rohrer, Henry Augustus
Rudy, John Allen Carter
Sanderson, Cash W.
Schaffner, Meade D.
Schrite, Jacob Ellsworth
Shank, Henry C.
Sherts, Amos L.
Shirk, Lawrence Geist
Shertzer, Joel Haines
Shultz, Earl
Smith, George G.
Swope, Martin L.
Thompson, John C.
Weaver, John W.
Weidman, Isaac F.
Widmyer, John H.
Wieneke, Herman Louis
Wohlsen, B. Frank
Wolfer, Jacob F.
Wright, Robert H.
Yohn, Charles Hippey
Adams, Robert H.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Brothers John W. Wolf, Worshipful Master; James W. Williams, Senior Warden; Benjamin F. Adams, Junior Warden, and the remaining officers reëlected.

Thirty applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; two admitted; four deaths and one resignation.

At the Stated Meeting of March, 1929, new By-Laws were approved, a considerable number of changes being made.

At the April, 1929, meeting the Trustees reported the purchase of the "Hull Drugstore property," adjoining the Lodge property on the West. The purchase price was $56,000.00. This action of the Trustees was approved by the Lodge. The securing of this property gave the Lodge title to all the property west of City property to Market street, and in addition the second story of the "Old Market House," where the Lodge Room is located. At this time the Lodge property is free from incumbrance.

Brother George B. Willson, Worshipful Master during the two years 1887 and 1888, Trustee from 1900 to the time of his death, Representative in Grand Lodge 1918 to 1922, died at his home, Wheatland, September 14, 1929. Brother Willson served the Lodge well and long, being especially active as Chairman of the Trustees. A tribute to his worth appears in the Minutes of the Lodge, November, 1929.

The following officers were elected to serve the coming year: Brothers James W. Williams, Worshipful Master; Benjamin F. Adams, Senior Warden; Guy R. Smeltz, Junior Warden; John C. Carter, Treasurer; J. Fred. Fisher, Secretary; George R. Rohrer, Ira D. Smith, John S. Graybill, Jr., Trustees; Andrew H. Hershey, Representative in Grand Lodge.

Twenty-three applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; ten deaths; two resignations and three suspended.

CHAPTER XVI

1930–1935

AT the Stated Meeting, February 12, 1930, the Trustees reported the contemplated changes to be made to our property, including that recently purchased, when on motion it was Resolved, "That the Lodge authorize the Trustees to make the repairs stated at a cost not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars," and at the Stated Meeting in May a resolution was offered and approved authorizing the Lodge to borrow Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars on the faith and credit of the Lodge, to make the necessary improvements, and execute notes of the Lodge therefor, and that the Secretary of the Lodge be authorized to issue orders as directed by the Trustees to pay the bills when presented at cost, plus ten per cent.

The ventilation of the Lodge Room had been a problem for many years, and at the March meeting the Trustees were authorized to make a further effort to accomplish this at an approximate cost of Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Notice was received from the R. W. Grand Master declaring East Petersburg neutral territory between the lodges of Lancaster and the lodge at Manheim.

At the Stated Meeting, September 10, 1930, the Trustees reported the completion of the changes of the Lodge property, as follows:

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren:

Your Trustees have completed building operations and remodeling. Obstructions faced us everywhere, making expense no one could foresee or estimate, as Mr. Eckman (contractor's foreman) remarked "Everywhere you looked you saw something to be cared for which made expense." The Trustees have paid the following bills:

H. L. Wiant, Carpenter	$18,019.09
A. B. Rote, Elevator	225.00
N. M. Waltman, Gilding	48.00
Pennsylvania Marble and Tile Co., resetting Tile	36.00
Paul Gutfleisch, Toilet Room	635.52
Mohler M. Bard, Plumbing	2,895.32
Arthur M. Deen, Electrician	1,388.76
W. A. Brinkman Company, Papering	551.29

Watt & Shand, Linoleum and Shades	1,322.55
C. Emlen Urban, Architect	525.00
Adams Paper Company, Paper, etc	14.50
Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel Company, Stove	35.00
Charles E. Wagner, Paint and Painting	1,464.92
John W. Moser, Paint and Painting	1,451.81
W. Y. Haldy & Son, Cleaning Marble	29.70
	$28,642.46

The preceding report has reference to remodeling the buildings Nos. 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 West King Street, Nos. 21 and 23 being the recently purchased "Hull Drug Store." The improvements in part consisted of a new store front in buildings Nos. 17, 19, 21, 23, with heavy steel columns and girders supporting the walls and floors. The brick walls between Nos. 17 and 19 and 21 and 23 were removed and the store room floor lowered to street level, and thrown into one single room, thereby making a large store room on first floor. The banquet room on second floor was nearly doubled in capacity, and the third floor was fitted up for general purposes for the use of the Lodge and its Masonic tenants.

Other improvements consisted of deepening the cellar under the store rooms, connecting sewers, painting inside and outside, covering floors with linoleum, new electric wiring, plumbing, toilet facilities, heating lines, etc., placing property in first-class condition. In addition the heating system was equipped with automatic oil burners instead of the coal-fired system.

At the November meeting a communication was read from the Secretary of the Lancaster County Historical Society, Brother William F. Worner, calling the attention of the Lodge to the tombstone of our late Brother Stephen Chambers, one of the Warrant Members of Lodge No. 43, and its first Worshipful Master, who died from the result of a duel, May 16, 1789, and was buried in the church yard of St. James Episcopal Church, Orange and Duke Streets, this City. Brother Worner located the forgotten grave, communicated to the Lodge its neglected condition, when on motion of the Lodge the matter was referred to the Trustees, who later had the inscriptions on the stone recut, adding "First Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M."

The following officers were elected to serve the coming year: Brothers Benjamin F. Adams, Worshipful Master; Guy R. Smeltz, Senior Warden; John W. Weaver, Junior Warden, and the other officers reëlected.

Seventeen applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; one admitted; ten deaths and one resignation.

The year 1931 shows a marked decrease in Masonic activities, owing, no doubt, to the continued financial depression, and which will probably take some time to counteract.

This year was celebrated as the "Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Organization of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania" by the R. W. Grand Lodge, in a most elaborate manner. Lodge No. 43 was represented by its Worshipful Master, and by several of its Brethren, two of whom served on the Committee of Arrangements, Brothers Thaddeus G. Helm and Andrew H. Hershey. An attractive and interesting book commemorating the event was published by the Grand Lodge.

Lodge No. 43 celebrated the event at its Annual Meeting, December 11, 1931, in the Lodge Room and at the Banquet at the Brunswick Hotel, North Queen and Chestnut Streets. The Program follows:

LODGE PROGRAMME

6 P.M.

OPENING OF THE LODGE.....BENJAMIN F. ADAMS, W. M.

PRAYER.....PETER MOHR, JR., *Chaplain.*

SINGING "AMERICA".....BY ALL THE BRETHREN.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING.....WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

RECEPTION OF GUESTS.

SINGING "HAIL, PENNSYLVANIA"...BY ALL THE BRETHREN.

CLOSING OF THE LODGE.

PRAYER.....PETER MOHR, JR., *Chaplain.*

BANQUET

INVOCATION, BROTHER HARRY W. HARING,
Lamberton Lodge No. 476.

MENU

Fruit Florida

Snapper Soup — Saltines

Hearts of Celery — Queen Olives — Radish Pouttes

Salted Nuts

Roast Lancaster County Turkey Chestnut Filling

Cranberry Sauce

Small Peas Candied Sweet Potatoes

Asparagus Tip Salad

Cloverleaf Rolls

Masonic Ice Cream Fancy Cakes

Coffee

Rosette Mints

Cigars Cigarettes

Brubaker Concert Orchestra

BANQUET PROGRAMME

TOASTMASTER:

Benjamin F. Adams, Worshipful Master.

SELECTIONS.....LODGE NO. 43 QUARTETTE.

"To Thee, O Country,"—*Julius Eichberg.*
"Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes,"—Old English Air.

HISTORICAL ADDRESS.....BROTHER BENJAMIN B. HERR, Lodge No. 43, District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 1, Pa.

SELECTIONS.....LODGE NO. 43 QUARTETTE.

"Pilgrim's Chorus from Tannhauser,"—*Wagner.*
"Prayer of Thanksgiving" (The Vision)—*Kremser.*

ADDRESS, "The Fundamental Principles of Freemasonry,"
BROTHER HARRY E. ULRICH,
Lewistown Lodge No. 203, Penna.

SINGING, "Auld Lang Syne".....BY ALL THE BRETHREN.

An enjoyable and profitable evening was experienced. Two hundred and forty-eight members and sixteen visitors were present.

Brother Andrew H. Hershey was appointed to represent Lodge No. 43 to act jointly with a Committee consisting of one member from each Lodge of District No. 1, to appropriately celebrate the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Brother George Washington.

The following officers were elected to serve this Lodge the coming year: Brothers Guy R. Smeltz, Worshipful Master; John W. Weaver, Senior Warden; Olin K. Zook, Junior Warden, and the remaining officers reëlected.

Six applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; six deaths.

At the Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 43, January 13, 1932, the following interesting sketch of the life of Brother Matthias Slough, prepared by Brother William F. Worner of Lodge No. 476, was read:

In the old graveyard adjoining St. James Protestant Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pa., in an unmarked grave lie the mortal remains of Colonel Matthias Slough, an officer of the Revolutionary War, proprietor of Lancaster's once famous White Swan Tavern, leading citizen and public spirited member of the community. He was a Master Mason and an honored member of Lodge No. 43. No tombstone marks the final resting place of this departed hero-citizen, and no flag floats over his grave, yet Matthias Slough, as a soldier in that glorious struggle for freedom, shared with hundreds of others the privations and dangers of the camp and battle field.

Much has been written in local annals about this most useful citizen and patriot. He was descended from a family that settled in Lancaster in the early days; and his father erected the Swan Tavern at the southeast corner of Penn Square and South Queen street, a site now occupied by Watt & Shand's Department Store. This famous hostelry was operated by the Slough family from 1747 until the early part of the nineteenth century. It was the leading local tavern of its day; and such distinguished men as General George Washington, President John Adams, Jerome Bonaparte and others were entertained under its hospitable roof during the time that Matthias Slough was the genial and gracious landlord.

Matthias Slough was a man of considerable worth and education. In his day he was one of the leading citizens of the community, and held important offices. He served successively as Assistant Burgess of Lancaster; Coroner of Lancaster County; member of the Provincial Assembly and member of the General Assembly.

When trouble was brewing with England, he was appointed in 1774 a member of the Committee of Correspondence for this County, and when the Committee of Observation took an account of the lead and powder available, he placed his entire stock at its disposal. In 1777, when supplies were badly needed for our army, he was one of thirteen persons appointed by the War Office to procure blankets, shoes and clothing; and when the British prisoners arrived in Lancaster in the winter of 1778, with no provision having been made for their support, his offer to supply the necessary rations was gladly accepted.

He was a Colonel of the Seventh Battalion, and a member of the Flying Camp. He was actively engaged in the Battle of Long Island on August 27, 1776.

That Mr. Slough was also interested in civic affairs is evidenced by the fact that he was a charter member of the Lancaster Library Company in 1759; a founder of an academy in Lancaster in 1780; a member of the Union Fire Company organized in 1760; a promoter and builder of the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike 1792–1796. He was also interested in the stage lines which were operated between Lancaster and Philadelphia.

In the history of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., published in 1911, p. 62, appears the following:

> At a meeting held September 29, 1794, Matthias Slough, at whose public house (tavern) the Lodge held its meetings from June, 1788 to June, 1792, was made a Mason.

The foregoing sketch illustrates the type of man Matthias Slough was. In his later years his financial affairs were seriously involved, and it is said he became a bankrupt. He removed to Harrisburg about 1806 where his declining years were spent with one of his children. He died in that City on Saturday, September 12, 1812, at the age of seventy-nine. His remains were brought to Lancaster and interred in the graveyard adjoining St. James Church. A great number of people attended his funeral. Two years later his wife died; and she too lies in an unmarked grave in this ancient churchyard.

I am wondering whether the officers and members of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., would be willing to assist in the erection of a modest tombstone to perpetuate the memory of this most useful citizen, sterling patriot and Master Mason, who as a member of your Ancient Fraternity, was so helpfully active in the affairs of this community a century and a half ago. The cost of the undertaking need not be very large. A small tombstone of durable quality is all that is desired. The Inscription on it should be brief. His name, the date of his birth and death, a statement that he was the proprietor of the White Swan Tavern, a Colonel in the Revolutionary War, a member of your Lodge, and that you erected the stone would be sufficient.

So far as I have been able to learn no descendants of Mr. Slough are living in Lancaster. I am appealing to the Officers and Members of your Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, prompted by the hope that the memory of one of its most prominent members may be suitably perpetuated.

The cost of the stone and cutting the inscriptions should not be more than one hundred dollars.

On motion duly made and approved the above communication was referred to the Trustees of the Lodge with power to act. It is hoped that in the near future this suggestion may be carried out.

At the March meeting the following communication was received from the Trustees of Lodge No. 43:

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.

Your Trustees beg leave to report the following:

Last Fall, when the City Commissioners decided to create store rooms under the Lodge Room and Mr. Urban, Architect, was authorized to prepare plans for said store rooms, your Trustees communicated with Mr. Urban, calling his attention to the safeguarding of the Lodge property, and received from him the assurance that our security would be taken care of. Mr. Urban has presented plans showing the insertion of steel girders and supports, which girders are to come up against our joists, thereby making us much more secure than now; and further has a plan of the front showing how they expect to treat it. It is the desire of Commissioner Brown under whose department these changes come, that the Lodge make such changes in brickwork of our entrance as to conform with the changes the City makes. They estimate the cost to be in the neighborhood of $600.00 for the work done upon our entrance.

It is the desire of the Trustees that the Lodge express their opinion upon the matter, and if favorable to make the entrance to conform with the City plans, indicate to the Trustees how much money the Lodge is willing to spend.

George R. Rohrer,
Ira D. Smith,
John S. Graybill, Jr.,
Trustees.

On motion the matter was deferred for one month to give the Brethren an opportunity to consider the matter, so they might vote intelligently. At the March meeting it was decided not to make any changes to the entrance to the Lodge Hall.

At the Stated Meeting of June 8, 1932, the following Resolution was offered by Brother Martin M. Harnish, Past Master, and adopted:

Whereas, The City of Lancaster is about to reconstruct the building and structure underneath Masonic Hall; and

Whereas, it is possible to extend the said building on the North side, and by the extension of the first story of said building on the North side it would make it possible to reconstruct and enlarge the Masonic Hall by extending it to the North; and

Whereas, It is the opinion of the members of Lodge No. 43 that an extension of said building as aforesaid would be for the mutual advantage of the City of Lancaster and Lodge No. 43,

Whereas, *Resolved*, That the Worshipful Master appoint a Committee of six (including the Trustees), to confer with the authorities of the City of Lancaster on the possibility of making this extension, with full power to act, and if said committee can enter into an arrangement to extend and enlarge the said building as aforesaid, then and in that event, the

Trustees of the Lodge be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to enter into such an agreement with the City of Lancaster as in the opinion of said Committee and Trustees shall be for the best interest of Lodge No. 43.

The Worshipful Master appointed Brothers John C. Carter, Past Master, Andrew H. Hershey, Past Master, and Martin M. Harnish, Past Master, to act in conjunction with the Trustees, Brothers George R. Rohrer, Past Master, Ira D. Smith, Past Master, and John S. Graybill, Jr., Past Master, as this Committee.

The following communication was received from Mr. C. Emlen Urban, Architect for the City of Lancaster, addressed to Brother George R. Rohrer, Chairman of the Trustees of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Lancaster, Pa.:

My Dear Dr. Rohrer:

Referring to the alterations to Old City Hall, would state we have planned to entirely remove all of the present paint from the surface of the outside brickwork of the building, rake out and repoint the mortar joints and repaint in white all frames, trimmings, etc., which are now painted white.

This will require no expenditure of any kind on the part of the Masonic Lodge.

The removal of the paint from the brickwork will again expose to view the original color and texture of the brick, which contribute so largely to the charm of the colonial style in which the building is built, and add immensely to its historic interest and value.

The Architectural importance of these brick for use in colonial work is recognized by manufacturers who are now bending every effort to exactly reproduce them in texture, color and workmanship, and the removal of the paint which now conceals the brick in our Old City Hall, will restore the original appearance of the building, and is greatly to be desired.

An economic phase of the matter is that in addition to restoring the building to its true historic style, future repainting of the brickwork will be eliminated, with a subsequent saving in maintenance and upkeep costs.

Very truly yours,

C. Emlen Urban.

At a Special Meeting of the Lodge, July 19, 1932, called for the purpose of considering the alterations and redecorating the Lodge Room, as well as financing the same, Brother Martin M. Harnish, Past Master and a member of the Committee appointed at the last Stated Meeting, gave an outline of the proposed work, and stated the cost would be in the neighborhood of $15,000.00. Brother

John S. Graybill, Jr., Past Master, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That for the purpose of making improvements and alterations to the property of this Lodge, the Trustees thereof be given authority to borrow on the faith and credit of this Lodge, a sum not to exceed $15,000.00, and to execute for and in behalf of the Lodge a note or notes therefor.

According to previous announcement, and on suggestion of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Lodge No. 43, in conjunction with the Lodges of District No. 1, celebrated the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Brother George Washington, in the Auditorium of the Boys' High School, West Orange Street, Lancaster, Pa., on Wednesday evening, June 15, 1932. An attractive Souvenir Program was prepared for the occasion.

Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, celebrated by the Lodges of District No. 1 of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons, located in Lancaster County, Wednesday Evening, June 15, 1932.

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons approved such Celebrations as follows:

"The United States George Washington Bi-Centennial Committee, authorized by the United States, has been requesting Grand Lodges and Lodges to cooperate with them in the celebration.

"During these depressing times a Lodge should not celebrate beyond its means, as it is only necessary that an address or addresses be delivered on this subject, at a Stated or Special Meeting. Vocal or instrumental music may be added and each Lodge may arrange its own program. Two or more Lodges may form a Committee and have a joint celebration at an assemblage, without opening a Lodge."—*Grand Secretary's letter.*

Under the above authority the Lodges of District No. 1, including the eleven Lodges of Lancaster County, prepared for a Joint Celebration, which was held in the Auditorium of the Boys' High School, West Orange Street, Lancaster City, at 7:30 p.m. Standard time.

As a Lodge was not opened no regular Minute of the event would appear in the Records of Lodge No. 43, and for that reason this account is prepared as a matter of future history.

The following Lodges participated, each Lodge being represented on the Committee, as follows:

Lodge No. 43, Lancaster.....P. M. Andrew H. Hershey
Washington Lodge, No. 156, Quarryville.....W. M. James P. Forbes
Columbia Lodge, No. 286, Columbia.....P. M. John H. Ostertag
Ashara Lodge, No. 398, Marietta.....P. M. E. Linwood Cornman, Jr.
Christiana Lodge, No. 417, Christiana.....P. M. Andrew H. Eicholtz
Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, Lancaster.....P. M. Frank G. Hartman

Charles M. Howell Lodge, No. 496, Millersville, P. M. Abram P. Kready
Casiphia Lodge, No. 551, Mount Joy.....P. M. Tilghman N. Hostetter
Manheim Lodge, No. 587, Manheim.....P. M. Horace H. Martin
Ephrata Lodge, No. 665, Ephrata.....P. M. Joseph T. Evans
Abraham C. Treichler Lodge, No. 682, Elizabethtown
P. M. J. Harvey Buch

P. M. Andrew H. Hershey, *Chairman.*
P. M. Frank G. Hartman, *Treasurer.*
P. M. John G. Fritchey, *Secretary.*

PROGRAM

SELECTIONS—8:15–8:30.....Masonic Orchestra
(*a*) March, "Semper Fidelis".....*Sousa*
(*b*) Overture, "Lustspiel".....*Keler-Bela*
(*c*) March, "Stars and Stripes Forever".....*Sousa*

OPENING.....The Chairman

SINGING—"America".....By the Brethren

INVOCATION.....Brother Rev. J. William Zehring

SELECTION.....Masonic Chorus
"Viking Song".....*S. Coleridge Taylor*

ADDRESS—"Washington, The Man and The Mason"
Brother Charles H. Callahan,
M. W. Past Grand Master of Virginia

SELECTION.....Masonic Orchestra
Selections from "The Fortune Teller".....*Victor Herbert*

ADDRESS.....Brother P. M. William H. Keller,
Justice Superior Court of Pennsylvania

SELECTION.....Masonic Chorus
"The Home Road".....*J. Alden Carpenter*

ADDRESS—"An Appreciation of a Great Mason"
Brother P. M. Benjamin B. Herr,
District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 1

SELECTION.....Masonic Chorus
"For Your Land and My Land"—from "My Maryland"

SINGING—"Star Spangled Banner".....By the Brethren

BENEDICTION.....Brother Rev. John W. Smith

SELECTION.....Masonic Orchestra
March, "The National Emblem".....*Bagley*

The entire program was rendered in a very pleasing and satisfactory manner. The addresses being eloquent, patriotic and impressive, dealing entirely with the life and character of George Washington.

The music, both instrumental and vocal, was rendered by members of the Fraternity, selected from Lodges of the District.

The weather in the early part of the evening was unfavorable, nevertheless about 900 of the Brethren of the several Lodges attended the meeting.

The following Brethren, specially invited, after a luncheon at the Brunswick Hotel, with the Committee and the Masters of the District Lodges attended the meeting, being seated on the platform:

Brother Benjamin Page, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania.
Brother Otto R. Heiligman, R. W. Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania.
Brother J. Somers Smith, R. W. Grand Treasurer, Pennsylvania.
Brother John A. Perry, R. W. Grand Secretary, Pennsylvania.
Brother J. Wallace Radcliffe, Secretary to the Grand Master.
Brother Charles H. Callahan, M. W. Past Grand Master of Virginia.
Brother Samuel M. Goodyear, R. W. Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania.
Brother William S. Snyder, R. W. Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania.
Brother William H. Keller, Past Master Lodge No. 43, Justice Superior Court of Pennsylvania.
Brother William Dick, Curator and Librarian Grand Lodge of Penna.
Brother William J. Patterson, Assistant Librarian Grand Lodge of Penna.
Brother Scott S. Leiby, Committee on Masonic Homes.
Brother Frank G. Hartman, Committee on Masonic Homes.
Brother Andrew H. Hershey, Chairman, and Committee on Masonic Homes.
Brother Benjamin B. Herr, D. D. Grand Master, District No. 1.
Brother Thaddeus G. Helm, Superintendent Masonic Homes.
Brother J. William Oates, Chief Engineer Masonic Homes.
Brother Phil. Johnson, Superintendent Boys, Masonic Homes.
Brother Samuel E. Dibbel, Superintendent Patton School for Boys.
Brother Rev. John W. Smith, Ephrata, Pa.
Brother Rev. J. William Zehring, Mountville, Pa.
Brother John G. Fritchey, Secretary to the Committee.
Brother Arthur E. Lebo, Secretary to R. W. P. G. M., William S. Snyder.
Brother Russell S. Sayford, P. M. Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, Pa.
Brother Ralph M. Lear, Harrisburg, Pa.
Brother T. Warren Metzger, Mayor of Lancaster City.
The Members of the Committees.
The Worshipful Masters of the District Lodges.

The expenses were borne by the several Lodges of District No. 1, on a pro rata basis, the expenses of Lodge No. 43 being $173.58.

The following Brethren were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Brothers John W. Weaver, Worshipful Master; Olin K. Zook, Senior Warden; Robert H. Fisher, Junior Warden, and the remaining officers reëlected.

Nine applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; eight deaths.

During 1932 and 1933 the Lodge work for about a year was at a disadvantage owing to the reconstruction of the Lodge Room, which work was begun in 1932, and progressed slowly from causes beyond the control of the Committee.

At the March meeting, on motion duly made, Brother Andrew H. Hershey was appointed Historian of Lodge No. 43, and directed to bring the history of the Lodge up to the close of its One Hundred and Fiftieth year.

At a Special Meeting, August 23, 1933, the reconstructed Lodge Room was opened for inspection by the Members, and for several evenings following to the families and friends of the Lodge.

The following historical sketch was prepared by Brother George R. Rohrer, Past Master and Chairman of the Building Committee. While there is some repetition of matter appearing here, and in other parts of this volume, it gives a connected account of improvements to our property from the beginning of the original building, and costs as nearly as may be found from the Lodge Minutes, which in the early days were not kept as systematically as now required.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE UPON IMPROVEMENTS

1932–1933

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Lancaster, Pa.

Your Committee upon improvements report as follows:

To ascertain the cost of the Lodge's Room and Buildings to date, it is necessary to go back to the time of the building of the Lodge Room in 1798, and trace improvements, etc., to the present time.

At an Extra Meeting of Lodge No. 43, held March 24, 1798, the Committee which had been appointed February 27, 1798, to confer with the Corporation of the Borough respecting the building of a Lodge Room over the Market House, the Corporation agreed that the Lodge Room should be built; presented as their report the following mutual agreement entered into with the Corporation:

> The Corporation to build pillars and arches sufficiently strong to support the superstructure and roof, which pillars and arches are to

be at the expense of the Corporation. The Lodge to build the superstructure, roof, floor and ciel the building.

The Corporation to grant the right to erect the superstructure, and the discretion of the uses of it to such Trustees as may be appointed by the Lodge. But the Room shall always be reserved for the use of the Meetings of the Corporation; and all other public uses of the Room to be at the option of the Lodge. If the Corporation should think proper to erect pillars on the Square beyond the extent of the Main Market building, for the use of the Country Market people, the Lodge will extend the roof over the same, floor, ciel, paint and finish it in a neat manner.

We on the part of the Lodge and on the part of the Corporation do agree to the above proposal.—March 22, 1798.

By order of the Corporation.

PAUL ZANTZINGER, Chief Burgess.

By order of the Lodge.

CHARLES SMITH,
JOHN MILLER, JR.,
LEWIS LAUMAN,
HENRY DEERING.

The above agreement was ratified and confirmed by the Lodge.
In August, 1800, the Lodge Room was completed, and the first Stated Meeting was held September 10, 1800, at which time Brothers Alexander McIntire and John Rohrer were approved and initiated.

The Hall was divided into four rooms, and an entry running the entire length of the building on the north side, which was used as a banquet room besides as a passage way. This entry or passage was entered by a stairway at the northeast corner of the building. The east room was intended for the use of the Corporation authorities and other public purposes; the next room to the west was the largest, and intended for the Lodge Room, while at the extreme west were two small rooms used as tyler's and preparing rooms.

The cost of building the Lodge Room is not definitely known, but records of 1802 show that 706 Pounds and 7 Shillings were paid on account of the building.

October, 1800, Michael Rine, High Sheriff of Lancaster County, Pa., made application to the Lodge for the use of the room for holding the County Courts. Permission being granted, the November term of Court was held in the Hall, the Commissioners paying $30.00 for the privilege. After this date the Courts were held there for some time.

In 1802, an application having been made to the Lodge for the rental of the Lodge Room by the Register- and Comptroller-General of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Lodge finding they could benefit their depleted Treasury by this means, the Brethren determined to so rent the room and hold their meetings elsewhere. Until June, 1809, the room was so occupied, when the State Government was moved to Harrisburg.

From a report made to the Lodge by Brother Jeremiah Rohrer, Trustee, in 1892, $4,800.00 was mentioned as the original cost of the Lodge Hall.

At a meeting held March 6, 1839, it was decided to repaper the Lodge Room and put down a new carpet. The paper was presented by Brother Jacob Albright, and a Committee was appointed to solicit from the members funds to pay for the carpet. The cost of these improvements are not known.

In the year 1843 it was found necessary to put a new roof over the Lodge Room. The work was done by Joshua Jack, the low bidder, at a cost of $38.00.

At the Stated Meeting held November 14, 1849, Brother Charles M. Howell offered the following motion which was adopted: "That a Committee of three be appointed to make arrangements to have Gas introduced in the Lodge Room, and to dispose of the lamps and chandelier." The performance of this duty occupied about one year, as the gas was not introduced until the latter part of 1850. The bill for introducing the gas was ordered paid at the meeting held December 11, 1850, amounting to $83.60.

In 1854, title to the Lodge Room was questioned. Lodge No. 43 employed Counsel, and by an Opinion by Judge Henry G. Long, of the County Courts, the title to the Lodge Room was vested in Lodge No. 43, absolutely.

In 1856 the Lodge Room was remodeled; partitions removed, ceiling arched, etc., at a cost of $660.75.

A Special Meeting was called for June 25, 1856, for the purpose of considering the purchase of a lot of ground adjoining the Lodge building on the west, which was an open street, known as Union Court, belonging to Lancaster City and to be sold by it, there being no further use for this Court, as Market Street had been opened to West King Street.

The Worshipful Master appointed Brothers William Augustus Atlee, Charles M. Howell and J. B. Amweg as a Committee to confer with Messrs. Peter McConomy, Watson Miller and Dr. Thomas Ellmaker, who had agreed to purchase this lot and the properties west to Market Street. Upon reporting to the Lodge the following Resolution was adopted:

> *Resolved*, That three Brethren be appointed, who, together with the Master and Trustees, shall constitute a Committee to purchase the lot of 16 feet adjoining our present Lodge Room on the west, and shall proceed to erect thereon a plain substantial three-story brick building; the first story to be a store room, and the second and third stories adapted for Lodge purposes.

The Worshipful Master appointed Brothers Charles M. Howell, J. H. Barnes and John L. Atlee, Jr., as said Committee to act with the Worshipful Master and Trustees, who purchased the lot from the City for the sum of $2,685.31½, paying $100.00 purchase money down, August 12, 1856, and the balance in annual installments.

A three-story brick building was erected upon the 16-foot lot above mentioned, the corner-stone being laid October 2, 1856, with Masonic ceremonies. Also, a new carpet and furniture for the Lodge Room were purchased, all at a total cost of $6,066.38. The building was completed early in 1857, at a total cost of lot and building for $8,751.69.

With a considerable debt, about $7,358.68, a plan for the liquidation was considered and the following resolution adopted:

> *Resolved*, That Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M., issue coupon bonds of One Hundred Dollars each, interest payable semi-annually, at 6 per cent per annum, for the whole debt of the Lodge, and that the District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Charles M. Howell be empowered to procure said bonds without delay, and that said bonds be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary.

Thirty-seven bonds were disposed of in 1857, and the proceeds applied towards the payment of the debt. All the bonds sold were redeemed and the entire debt of the Lodge cancelled by the close of the year 1865.

In 1879, the Lodge directed the Trustees to have the Lodge Room papered, ceiling, east and west arches and background frescoed, wood work painted and grained, new carpet in the Lodge Room, new chandeliers, and Tyler and ante-rooms papered. These improvements were made at a cost of $3,500.00.

During the year 1875, the question of improvements to the Lodge Hall was agitated. Brother William D. Stauffer, then Mayor of Lancaster City, stated in the Lodge that the City was about to partition off offices in the lower part of the Old City Hall. That the stairway, 8 feet in width, which many years ago entered the Lodge Room in the northwest corner of City Hall, was very much in the way and prevented the squaring of the room. Brother Stauffer moved that Lodge No. 43 permit the City to remove the stairway; Brother Jeremiah Rohrer seconded the motion, but added the proviso that the City give Lodge No. 43 in exchange for the stairway in City Hall a $5\frac{1}{2}$-foot entrance on West King Street. In November, consent of City Councils was obtained to erect a stairway to the Lodge Room in the west end of the Old Market House on West King Street. Plans and Specifications were drawn, and Brother Christian Widmyer, Trustee, had Elias McMellen erect a partition in the west end of the Market House, which by 6 o'clock in the morning was nearly completed. Enemies of the measure persuaded the City Property Committee to tear down the partition, the reason assigned being that it interfered with some butcher stalls. The Lodge was unwilling to enter into a controversy on the subject and no further steps in the matter were taken at that time.

Nine years later, in 1884, Brother Jeremiah Rohrer, then a Trustee, having been elected in December, 1883, decided to see Mayor Brother D. P. Rosenmiller and find out if the old resolution, passed in 1875 by City Council, had been rescinded. Mayor Rosenmiller being an intimate friend of Brother Rohrer, after hearing the full history of what had been

done, promised to give his assistance. In a few days the Mayor reported "The Records showed the Resolution was still in force." The Mayor stated he was ex-officio Chairman of the Property Committee, and he would call a meeting of them, and give Brother Rohrer a chance to make a statement. The Mayor drew up a favorable report, the Property Committee signed it, and it was reported to Council with their recommendation. It was passed unanimously by Common Council and only one against it in Select Council.

A short time afterwards, Mayor Rosenmiller handed Brother Rohrer, Trustee, a copy of the Resolution signed by the Clerk of Select Council, with the seal of the City attached, as follows:

LANCASTER, PA., September 5, 1884.

To the Trustees of Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M.

Gentlemen: The following communication was presented to Select Council on Wednesday evening, September 3, 1884, by the Property Committee and passed, Common Council concurring in the action of Select Council.

In November, 1875, Councils passed a resolution giving permission to Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M., to erect at their own expense, a stairway and entrance from West King Street to their Lodge Room, the said Lodge giving up their right to an entrance in the rear of the room formerly occupied by the U. S. Post Office. The said stairway to be $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide and constructed as indicated in an accompanying draft.

Application has been made to your Property Committee now to make this stairway, and your Committee consent to the making of the same in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing resolution. Provided, Lodge No. 43 can get the consent of the tenant occupying the restaurant in the Old Market House, without in any way affecting the lease between the City and said tenant.

GEO. B. KELLER,
Clerk of Select Council.

At the September meeting of the Lodge, the Trustees reported the actions of the Councils, and by a unanimous vote the Trustees were instructed to begin at once the erection of the entrance and stairway on West King Street. Plans were prepared but an obstacle not anticipated arose with the tenant of the restaurant, but with diplomatic argument by the Trustees this objection was overcome by payment of $30.00 for any damage he might sustain. Another fear presented itself that an injunction might be issued by the dissenting member of Select Council who opposed the project. Happily this did not occur. The entrance and stairway were completed several months before the Centennial Celebration in April, 1885.

The City of Lancaster was benefited by this exchange, and the Lodge thereby gained an entrance on West King Street, in place of the former entrance in the rear of the building. The entire cost of the entrance, stairways, and everything connected therewith was $2,300.00.

In 1892 the trustees were directed to install electric lights in the Lodge Room, with special designed fixtures with gas combination. These fixtures, including wiring, switches and globes, cost $771.85.

The Peter McConomy property, 17 and 19 West King Street, adjoining our property on the west, was purchased in 1893 for $13,800.00.

By resolution the Trustees were instructed to convert this property as follows: First floor a modern store room; second floor with adjoining room on east into a Banquet room and the third story into an Armory for the Commandery, Knights Templar. During the year 1894 the work ordered was completed, including the installation of a modern hot water heating plant throughout the entire property. The cost of the improvements to the McConomy building was $2,240.22; and the hot water plant $1,115.72, a total for the entire improvements of $3,861.83.

In the early part of 1922 ten new benches were made by the Wohlsen Company, increasing the seating capacity accordingly, at a cost of $607.00.

At the meeting of February 12, 1926, the following motion was agreed to: Resolved, That the Lodge authorize and direct the Trustees to procure a new carpet for this room, and also authorize them to make all repairs to the floor that may be necessary, the same to be done during the months of July and August, 1926. Also, moved that a Committee of four be appointed to act with the Trustees in selecting the carpet which was agreed to. The Worshipful Master appointed to act with the Trustees Brothers John C. Carter, J. Fred. Fisher, Andrew H. Hershey and Theodore B. Appel on said Committee. The carpet-rugs were made specially to order by the Bigelow Carpet Company; the platforms in the East, West and South were constructed of oak wood and polished; the floor and side platforms covered with linoleum. The rugs cost $1,963.00, and the entire cost of the improvements $4,372.38.

At the Stated Meeting, December, 1928, the Trustees reported the purchase of the "Hull Property," West King and Market Streets, adjoining the Lodge property on the west, which purchase was approved by the Lodge. The purchase price was $56,000.00.

At the Stated Meeting of the Lodge held February 12, 1930, a resolution was offered and passed authorizing the Trustees to make such improvements to the Hull and McConomy part of the Lodge property as were deemed best. At the May meeting a resolution was offered and approved authorizing the Trustees to make a loan for these improvements not to exceed $25,000.00.

Mr. C. Emlen Urban was selected as the Architect, and Mr. H. L. Wiant, Contractor and Builder. The Trustees decided to make one room of the Hull and the McConomy buildings on the first floor; also, one room of the second and third floors. Work was begun April 2, 1930. The Contractor was instructed to make the building strong and secure. Steel columns and girders were used to support the walls and upper floors; the partition having been taken out between the Hull and McConomy buildings, all these parts were reinforced with steel structure, making the entire construction exceptionally strong. The steel work cost approximately $2,400.00.

Brother Mohler M. Bard did the plumbing and heating work, and Brother Paul Gutfleisch the toilet room and accessories; John Moser the inside painting; Brother Charles E. Wagner the outside painting; Brother William A. Brinkman the papering. Watt & Shand furnished and laid the linoleum on the second and third floors. The total cost of these alterations and improvements was $28,642.46. The Hull-Houghton Drug Company occupied the enlarged store room July 1, 1930.

At the Stated Meeting, March 12, 1930, the Trustees were authorized to install a Ventilating system in the Lodge Room connecting with the ventilators in the roof. Cost, $550.00.

October 31, 1930, automatic oil burners were installed in the heating system, thereby economizing in the cost of fuel, at a cost of $550.00.

At the Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., held June 8, 1932, the following resolutions were presented by Brother Martin M. Harnish, which on motion were adopted:

> *Whereas*, the City of Lancaster is about to reconstruct the building and structure underneath Masonic Hall, and
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> *Whereas*, it is possible to extend the said building on the North side, and by the extension of the first story of said building on the North side, it would make it possible to reconstruct the Masonic Hall by extending it on the North; and
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> *Whereas*, it is the opinion of the Members of Lodge No. 43, that an extension of said building as aforesaid would be for the mutual advantage of the City of Lancaster and Lodge No. 43,
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> *Whereas*, Resolved, that the Worshipful Master appoint a committee of six (including the Trustees), to confer with the authorities of the City of Lancaster on the possibility of making such extension, with full power to act, and if said Committee can enter into an arrangement to extend and enlarge the said building as aforesaid, then and in that event, the Trustees of the Lodge be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into such an agreement with the City of Lancaster as in the opinion of said Committee and Trustees shall be for the best interest of Lodge No. 43.

The Worshipful Master appointed Brothers John C. Carter, Andrew H. Hershey and Martin M. Harnish, Past Masters, a committee in conjunction with the Trustees on the foregoing resolution.

Brother John C. Carter was selected to care for the finances; Brother Martin M. Harnish, Attorney, to safeguard the Lodge and prepare any legal papers necessary, and Brother Andrew H. Hershey, because of experience in building, etc., at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

The Committee organized by choosing Brother George R. Rohrer, Chairman, and Brother Ira D. Smith, Secretary.

Mr. C. Emlen Urban, City Architect, was selected as Architect to prepare plans for the Lodge Room. Mr. H. L. Wiant was asked to prepare a statement of the approximate cost of the proposed changes, barring extras and things which arise that cannot be foreseen, and excluding the decorating of the rooms.

At a Special Meeting of the Lodge held June 19, 1932, the following

resolution was offered by Brother John S. Graybill, Jr., Trustee, and was adopted.

> *Resolved*, that for the purpose of making improvements and alterations to the property of this Lodge, the Trustees thereof be given authority to borrow on the faith and credit of this Lodge a sum not exceeding $15,000.00, and to execute for and in behalf of the Lodge a note or notes therefor.

The Resolution adopted June 8, 1932, gave the Committee all the power necessary to make the improvements, but Brother Carter asked for a second resolution specifically authorizing the Trustees to borrow the necessary money. The resolution being attached to the loan when made.

It was not until August 16, 1932, that the Agreement safeguarding the Lodge's rights, etc., which was prepared by Brother Martin M. Harnish, was signed by the Mayor and Commissioners of Lancaster City, Pa., and also signed by the Lodge Committee. The Agreement follows:

> AGREEMENT made this 16th day of August, A.D. 1932, by and between GEORGE R. ROHRER, JOHN S. GRAYBILL, JR., and IRA D. SMITH, TRUSTEES OF LODGE NO. 43, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, 13 West King Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania (herein known as the Masons), party of the first part, and the CITY OF LANCASTER, Pennsylvania (hereafter known as the City), party of the second part, WITNESSETH:
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> WHEREAS, the parties hereto own and/or have an interest in the Western annex to or part of the "Old City Hall" building on West King Street, near Penn Square (extending northwardly to the alley or common between Penn Square and Market Street, and adjoining the City's Central Market House) in said City: which ownership and/or interest of said parties is set forth in a previous agreement between them, dated March 22, 1798, by which the City occupies the first floor of said building and the Masons the second floor.
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> AND WHEREAS, the City is about to reconstruct and convert into store rooms the first story of said building, and both parties hereto have agreed to enlarge and extend the said building approximately seven and one-half feet to the north, in accordance with plans and specifications for Alterations of Masonic Lodge Rooms, dated August 1, 1932, and Addenda to Plans and Specifications for Alterations and Additions to Old City Hall, dated August 1, 1932, both prepared by C. Emlen Urban, Architect, copies of which are hereto annexed, and made part thereof.
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> NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual advantages to each of them accruing, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto, that the City shall and will proceed forthwith, at its own expense (including Architect's fees for the City's portion of the work), to extend northwardly the first story of said building to a distance and in a manner and style as set forth in the aforesaid plans and specifications, including the construction of the girders, joists, etc., over said extension, so that the same is complete in every respect (except for

floor boards on the second floor, which the Masons shall and will provide and lay), and furnishes safe support for the extension of the Masons' Lodge room to be erected thereabove; and that as soon as said work is completed by the City as aforesaid, or is ready for commencement of work by the Masons, the Masons shall and will proceed forthwith, and at their own expense (including Architect's fees for their part of the work), to construct and complete the second floor wall, roof the entire superstructure over and above said first story, in accordance with the said plans and specifications hereto annexed.

It Is Further Mutually Agreed that the cost of maintenance and repair of the respective portions of the hereinabove described extension shall be borne by the respective parties which under the provisions hereof build the portion requiring the maintenance or repair, and that the rights and duties of the parties hereto shall continue, so far as practicable and consistent herewith, to be governed by the aforesaid original agreement of March 22, 1798.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the successors, assigns and lessees of both parties hereto.

This Agreement is executed by the Trustees of said Lodge No. 43 of Masons by virtue of the authority contained in a resolution passed at a regular meeting of said Lodge held June 8, 1932, and is joined in by Andrew H. Hershey, John C. Carter and Martin M. Harnish, members of special committee appointed by the said Lodge on said date, in order to show said Committee's acceptance and approval of this Agreement; and it is executed by the undersigned officers of the City of Lancaster by virtue of a resolution passed at a meeting of said City's council held August 9, 1932.

In Witness Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year aforesaid.

Witnesses:
Henry A. Rohrer,
J. Fred. Fisher.

Trustees of Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons.
George R. Rohrer, (seal.)
John S. Graybill, Jr. (seal.)
Ira D. Smith. (seal.)

Masonic Special Committee.
Andrew H. Hershey, (seal.)
John C. Carter, (seal.)
M. M. Harnish. (seal.)

City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania,
By T. Warren Metzger,
Mayor.

Attest;
Frank B. Kreider,
City Clerk.

W. Hensel Brown,
Director of Parks and Public Property.

I hereby certify, that the probable expenditure required by this agreement is provided for by appropriation of Council from the 1931 City Hall Special Loan Account, and that money for the same is now available.

H. E. DeHaven, (Signed.)
Director of Accounts and Finance.

August 16, 1932.

Considerable work had to be done by the City on the ground floor before any attention could be given to the Lodge Room.

The whole front of the store rooms had to be built and steel columns and girders put in to support the South wall of the Lodge Room; the floors of the store rooms lowered to the level of the street; all the steel work underneath the floor of the Lodge Room and in partitions, and brick wall on the North side had to be built up to the level of the floor of the Lodge Room before anything could be attempted for us. Then the steel trusses, costing about $1,300.00, were put into place (the roof having been removed), resting upon steel stanchions which extend down to concrete foundations below the store room floors. One and three-fourths inch tongued and grooved plank covered the whole roof to receive the slate. It was December before the roof (all new slate) was put on, and the inside thoroughly protected from the elements.

When the plaster was removed from the ceiling of the room below the Lodge Room, Mr. Wiant made the remark "it was Providential that the Lodge had no mishap," as the joists had a span of twenty feet, no bridging, and some joists twenty-four inches from center to center.

The most perplexing problem was the heating and ventilation of the Lodge Room, and the Committee spent three months considering the question, and finally adopted the plan submitted by Isaac H. Francis, Engineer, Philadelphia. It was then found that what the Engineer supposed was a chimney, was only the remains of what was a chimney long ago. A new chimney was an absolute necessity, and the northeast corner of the building occupied by the hat store the logical location. The Architect advised cutting out the wall and obtaining permission from the City to come out *one* brick width, which would give us a chimney meeting all requirements. The Engineer suggested a 9 x 18 inch chimney.

An appeal was made in a personal interview with Mr. Brown, City Commissioner, by Mr. Urban and the Chairman of the Trustees and a letter as follows:

LANCASTER, PA., February 9, 1933.

The Honorable Mayor and Commissioners of Lancaster City, Pa.

Gentlemen:

The Building Committee of Lodge 43 find it necessary to build a chimney, and the only available place is at the North-east Corner of the building occupied by James Bell, and we hope that your body will permit us to come out one brick width, which is adequate by cutting out the wall. The drain pipe projects out at that point four inches, so there would be no disfigurement, and it is hoped you will grant our request, which will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

GEO. R. ROHRER,
Chairman of Committee.

See Sketch.

A copy of the reply to our appeal is appended.

February 9, 1933.

LODGE NO. 43, F. AND A. M.,
West King Street,
Lancaster, Pa.

Attention DR. GEORGE R. ROHRER, *Chairman, Building Committee.*

Dear Dr. Rohrer:

In answer to yours of the 9th inst. in which you write to the Mayor and the Commissioners of the City of Lancaster advising that it will be necessary to build a chimney at your lodge building, and that the only available place is at the northeast corner of the building occupied by James Bell, and in which you request that the City permit you to extend this chimney out on the pavement one brick width, I am pleased to advise you that this will be satisfactory to the City.

This letter is confirmation of our verbal understanding with Mr. Urban about this matter, as well as in answer to your letter.

Very truly yours,

WHB:LMH

W. HENSEL BROWN, (Signed.)
Director.

The contract for the electrical work was given to the Conestoga Electrical Company, Lancaster, Pa., who also furnished the reflectors and globes for the lighting of the Hall, at a cost of $970.60.

The heating and ventilating contract was given to Brother Mohler M. Bard, Member of Lodge No. 43. Heat was furnished by the middle of April. Cost complete $3,346.83.

H. L. Wiant was the general contractor for everything excepting the decoration of the Lodge Room.

The problem of Decorating the Lodge Room gave the Committee considerable concern. Sketches for decorating were presented by Chapman & Company and J. Bagattin, Philadelphia, and W. L. Schwartz, Merion, Pa., and these artists were consulted at various times, as the Committee's desire was to decorate the Lodge Room artistically and meet the approval of the members, and the admiration of every person who sees it.

The contract for the decorating was given to Brother John Bagattin, Philadelphia, and signed May 12, 1933. The cost to be $4,200.00, and to be completed before August 1, 1933. The subject of the decoration in the ceiling as described by the Artist is "Triumph of Masonry," and described as follows:

> The painting as a whole represents "Masonry Triumphant," guided by the Eagle to higher ideals, with Justice and Perseverance following, while Old Father Time acknowledges the achievement and progress of the same.

SYMBOLS.

1. Eagle: The Eagle is referred to by the Prophet Daniel; because he spoke with Angels, and received visions that relate to all time.

2. Justice: Justice, the boundary of rights, constitutes real goodness and is therefore represented as the perpetual study of the accomplished Mason.

3. Perseverance: The right to live and play the part of an honest man, believing that all men are equal in every respect, and to contribute to this earth a little more than he promises.

Masonry is represented by the Eye of God (the All-Seeing Eye), an expressive emblem, that will remind all Masons that the Deity is watching over all mankind, and will weigh in the balance of truth every action, thought and word.

All the decorations of ceiling and walls are painted in oil and lead, on canvas. The ceiling and coves in free-hand brush work, and the walls stencilled and finished by hand.

The Committee in making the improvements demanded the best material and workmanship, strengthening the weak parts when discovered, and practicing economy at all times to the benefit of the Lodge.

The Committee in asking of the Lodge in June, 1932, a loan of $15,000.00 for the improvements, was guided by H. L. Wiant's estimate, which could not two months in advance anticipate the Architect's plans for indirect lighting or the system of heating and ventilation, which caused additional expense. The chimney and other reinforcing where necessary was not anticipated. June 14, 1933, the Lodge authorized the Committee to borrow an additional $5,000.00, if they found it necessary, to complete the improvements.

At this time we have the latest method of lighting, and the heating and ventilating the best known, and have much more than we expected when we first considered the improvements. In the matter of safety we feel secure, as the Lodge Room is now supported with steel structure and with fire escapes giving convenient means of escape in event of fire. This matter of security alone is worth all the expenditure.

The present size of the Lodge Room, exclusive of the ante-rooms, is 36′ 10″ x 65′ 5″, and in height to the center of the arch 21′ 7″, with a normal seating capacity of about 250 persons, which can readily be increased one-third without interference.

The cost of the improvements to the Lodge Hall, including all items of construction and replacements, was $20,779.50, and the total expenditures since the building of the Lodge Room in 1800, as far as the records show, about $149,563.00. Some of this expense was replacements.

The property now consists of the Lodge Hall and West King Street entrance, built over the original Market House, now converted into store rooms on the first floor; Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 West King Street, owned in fee simple, on a plot of ground 59.7 x 40 feet. The replacement value of the Lodge Room and the buildings is estimated at $100,000.00 plus the value of the ground on which buildings Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 are erected.

Costs of improvements, repairs and incidentals in connection with the reconstruction of the Lodge Hall, 1932–1933:

Valves put on heat lines in cellar		$ 27.07
Two ventilators on roof over Lodge Room		103.27
Window, rear of No. 15 West King Street (H. L. Wiant)		150.00
Changing Oil Burner Motor for Alternating Current (J. A. Ressler)		90.00
Weather strip windows (Roy Palmer)		33.00
Four clothing racks (Frey & Son)		72.00
Chromium plating Altar Stands, Columns, etc. (C. E. Brubaker)		18.50
Venetian Blinds (Yardley Screen and Weather Strip Corp.)		137.50
Papering (W. A. Brinkman Company)		61.14
C. Emlen Urban, Architect		767.75
Watt & Shand, Draperies, sewing carpet, linoleum		225.00
H. L. Wiant, General Contractor,		
Temporary Electrical Current	$ 5.00	
Steel Work and Erection	1,481.05	
Fire Escape	379.00	
Cut Stone Work	218.50	
Brickwork	614.28	
Lumber	765.36	
Millwork	491.84	
Carpenter Work	1,642.71	
Sheet Metal Work	154.28	
Slate Roof and Copper Snow Guards	776.41	
Finish Hardware and Glass	142.24	
Rough Hardware, Nails, etc.	96.41	
Dampproofing	29.50	
Plastering	2,027.09	
Labor and Hauling	409.50	
Cement Work	19.06	
Heating and Ventilating	3,346.83	
Electrical Work	970.60	
Painting	139.10	
Linoleum Floors	140.00	
Sanding Floors	32.10	
Weather Stripping and Threshold	10.00	
Commission, 7%	972.36	
	$14,863.22	
Credit old Fire Escape and Lumber	110.55	
	$14,752.67	
Areaway and Cellar Window "Bell Store"	62.45	14,815.12
Decorations (John Bagattin, Philadelphia)		4,200.00
Wiring, Altar Standards (Conestoga Electric Co.)		3.65
Upholstering Chairs (Hoffmeier Brothers)		75.50
		$20,779.50

At the Stated Meeting in September, Brother George R. Rohrer, Chairman of the Trustees, reported that the Department of Labor and Industry of the State of Pennsylvania insist that we build a fire escape on the West end of our building on Market Street. On motion, the Trustees were directed to construct this additional means of escape from the Lodge property in case of fire.

The Worshipful Master was pleased to appoint the following Committee to make the necessary arrangements for our One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary in 1935: Brothers Robert H. Fisher, Senior Warden, John C. Carter, Past Master, Andrew H. Hershey, Past Master, J. Fred. Fisher, Past Master, W. Arthur Abel, Past Master, John W. Wolf, Past Master, Benjamin F. Adams, Past Master, and the Senior and Junior Wardens of 1935.

At the October meeting the Memorial Volume prepared under the direction of the R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother John A. Perry; the Historical Volume, Early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, prepared by Brother Henry S. Borneman, and the Bronze Medal struck at the United States Mint, neatly framed, all commemorative of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, were presented to the Lodge by Brother Andrew H. Hershey, Past Master and Representative in Grand Lodge.

The following officers were elected to serve the Lodge for the ensuing year: Brothers Olin K. Zook, Worshipful Master; Robert H. Fisher, Senior Warden; Roy L. Morton, Junior Warden, and the remaining officers reëlected.

Three applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; eleven deaths and twenty-four suspended.

February 24, 1934, a Special Meeting of the Lodge was held in memory of Brother John C. Carter, who was made a Mason in this Lodge November 14, 1877, served as Worshipful Master in 1886, and Treasurer of the Lodge from 1914 to the time of his death. He was active in the Lodge during his entire membership; he was a member of the Charity Committee for many years.

April 11, 1934, a Dispensation was received from the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Otto R. Heiligman, authorizing the Lodge to hold a special election for Treasurer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother John C. Carter, which resulted in the election of Brother Benjamin F. Adams, Past Master.

On motion duly made and approved it was resolved "That the Lodge procure a Commonwealth Flag to present to the Thomas

Ranken Patten Masonic Institution for Boys, at Elizabethtown, Pa., at a cost not exceeding $25.00." The flag was later presented to the School by the Worshipful Master, Brother Olin K. Zook.

At the May meeting, the District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Benjamin B. Herr, presented a decision from the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Otto R. Heiligman, prohibiting Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar (a tenant of Lodge No. 43), holding public installation of its officers in the Lodge room, or permitting the playing of cards in the social rooms.

On motion a Committee of five were appointed for the purpose of arranging to issue "Certificates of Indebtedness" to cancel the Lodge indebtedness held by the Bank. The Worshipful Master appointed Brothers Andrew H. Hershey, Martin M. Harnish, Benjamin F. Adams, Walter R. Markley, Past Masters, and Robert R. Fisher, Worshipful Master. At the Stated Meeting, October 10, 1934, the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons, be given authority to execute loans on the faith and credit of the Lodge, for a sum sufficient to liquidate the indebtedness of the Lodge at the Fulton National Bank, at the rate of four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) percent per annum, payable April and October 1st of each year; also, to authorize the Trustees to renew said loans when due.

The following officers were elected to serve the Lodge for the ensuing year: Brothers Robert H. Fisher, Worshipful Master; Roy L. Morton, Senior Warden; Albert L. Einolf, Junior Warden; Benjamin F. Adams, Treasurer; J. Fred. Fisher, Secretary; George R. Rohrer, Ira D. Smith, John S. Graybill, Jr., Trustees; Andrew H. Hershey, Representative in Grand Lodge.

Five applications for Degrees and Membership were approved; two admitted; eleven deaths and six suspended.

At the Stated Meeting of February 13, 1935, Brother Andrew H. Hershey, Past Master, Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider the advisability of issuing Bonds for the purpose of liquidating our indebtedness, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Secretary of Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, be and are hereby authorized to execute loans on the faith and credit of said Lodge, for the sum or sums sufficient to liquidate the present indebtedness of the said Lodge (said indebtedness being in the sum of

Thirty-six Thousand Five Hundred ($36,500.00) Dollars); with interest on said loans at the rate of four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1st and October 1st of each year; said loans to be redeemable at any time after April 1st, 1938, and payable on or before April 1st, 1955; and the obligation for said loans to be given by the said Officers of the said Lodge, by virtue of the authority contained in this resolution, shall be substantially as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

No..... OF $.....

LODGE No. 43, F. & A. M.,
Lancaster, Pa.

Redeemable April 1, 1938. Payable April 1, 1955.

This is to Certify

That.....
has loaned to Lodge No. 43, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the sum of

.....Dollars,

agreeably to a Resolution approved by said Lodge the Thirteenth day of February, A.D. 1935, and that the said Loan bears interest at the rate of four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of the months of April and October in each year; and the principal thereof is redeemable at any time after the first day of April, A.D. 1938, and is due and payable on or before the first day of April, A.D. 1955.

This indebtedness and Certificate of Indebtedness is transferable only on the books of said Lodge in person or by duly authorized Attorney, on the surrender of this Certificate of Indebtedness properly endorsed.

(Seal.) In witness whereof, the Worshipful Master and Treasurer have hereunto signed their names, and the Secretary in attestation thereof has affixed the Seal of the said Lodge this

.....day of.....A.D. 19.....

Attest: .....
Worshipful Master.

.....
Secretary.

.....
Treasurer.

The usual Endorsement and Transfer appear on the back of the Certificate of Indebtedness.

The Certificates of Indebtedness were prepared in denominations of $1000.00, $500.00, $100.00 and $50.00, and were all disposed of to Members of the Lodge.

March 31, 1935, Brother George R. Rohrer, Past Master, Trustee and Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Lodge, died suddenly while on a visit to the home of his son. Brother Rohrer was an honored, active member of the Lodge for fifty years. His services were especially valuable to the Lodge as Chairman of the Trustees during the several building operations of the Lodge during the recent years. His presence and service to the Lodge will be missed.

April 24, 1935, a Special Meeting of Lodge No. 43 was held to observe the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of its Warranting, April 21, 1785. The Lodge opened in the afternoon at four o'clock in the Lodge room.

On this occasion the Lodge was honored with an Official Visitation by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Otto R. Heiligman, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Officers. After the reception of the Grand Lodge Officers, the officers of Lodge No. 43 vacated their stations which were then assumed by the Grand Lodge Officers, when the Lodge was briefly addressed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Otto R. Heiligman, in a pleasing manner. The officers of Lodge No. 43 again resumed their stations when the Afternoon Program was observed. After closing of the Lodge the Members and Visitors repaired to Hotel Brunswick, North Queen and Chestnut Streets, where the program was completed.

There was an attendance at the Lodge room of 131 members; 29 visitors, and 17 Grand Lodge officers. Many of the Members of the Lodge who had not attended the Lodge meeting in the afternoon assembled at the Hotel Brunswick for the evening program.

The following is the program.

A. D. 1785
A. L. 5785

A. D. 1935
A. L. 5935

150th Anniversary

Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.

Lancaster, Pa.

Wednesday, April 24th 1935

Masonic Hall

13 West King Street

Warrant Granted April 21st 1785
Constituted September 14th 1785

1785 *1935*

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

of the Warranting of

LODGE No. 43, F. & A. M.

LANCASTER, PA.

—

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

APRIL 24TH, 1935

AT 4 O'CLOCK

MASONIC HALL

LANCASTER, PA.

COMMITTEE

ROBERT H. FISHER, W. M., *Chairman*
BENJAMIN F. ADAMS, P. M., *Secretary*
ROY L. MORTON, S. W.
ALBERT L. EINOLF, J. W.
J. FRED. FISHER, P. M.
ANDREW H. HERSHEY, P. M.
W. ARTHUR ABEL, P. M.
JOHN W. WOLF, P. M.

PROGRAMME

AFTERNOON, 4 O'CLOCK

OPENING OF THE LODGE

REMARKS BY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER
BROTHER ROBERT H. FISHER

RECEPTION OF THE GRAND OFFICERS of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging
BROTHER OTTO R. HEILIGMAN,
R. W. Grand Master.

MUSIC—QUARTETTE—"The Cavalier's Song,"
Reinald Werrenrath.

HISTORICAL ADDRESS . . . . . BROTHER ANDREW H. HERSHEY, P. M.

MUSIC—QUARTETTE—"Gloria in Excelsis," Twelfth Mass,
W. A. Mozart.

OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY. . : BROTHER MARTIN M. HARNISH, P. M.

MUSIC—QUARTETTE—"The Little Chapel in the Valley,"
F. Loescher.

RESPONSES BY THE BRETHREN

CLOSING OF THE LODGE

MENU

We may live without poetry, music or art;
We may live without conscience, and live without heart;
We may live without friends; we may live without books;
But civilized man cannot live without cooks.
He may live without books,—what is knowledge but grieving?
He may live without hope,—what is hope but deceiving?
He may live without love,—what is passion but pining?
But where is the man who can live without dining?

Iced Hearts of Grapefruit

Turtle Soup

Celery Salted Nuts Olives

Braised Sirloin of Beef

Mushroom Sauce

Julienne Potatoes Green Peas

Pie a la Mode

Coffee Mints

Cigars Cigarettes

HOTEL BRUNSWICK

PROGRAMME

EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK

MUSIC—"March Militaire"—*Schubert*

INVOCATION . . . . . BROTHER STEWART W. HERMAN, *Grand Chaplain*

TOASTMASTER . . . . . BROTHER ROBERT H. FISHER,
Worshipful Master Lodge No. 43

MUSIC—"Parade of the Wooden Soldiers"—*Jessel*

ADDRESS—"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania"
BROTHER OTTO R. HEILIGMAN,
R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania

MUSIC—"Semper Fidelis"—*Sousa*

ADDRESS—"Future of Freemasonry"
BROTHER BENJAMIN B. HERR,
District Deputy Grand Master District No. 1

AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to min'?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o' lang syne?

CHORUS

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

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BROTHER GEORGE F. MCDONNELL

During the evening program the Right Worshipful Grand Master introduced the Members of the Grand Lodge accompanying him, who responded with congratulatory remarks; the Worshipful Master introduced his guests, who generally responded to their introduction.

The Anniversary was observed in a most pleasing and dignified manner throughout. The addresses were informing and complimentary, and all present had an enjoyable and profitable afternoon and evening.

The following comprised the Grand Lodge Officers:

Brother Otto R. Heiligman, Lodge No. 441, Right Worshipful Grand Master.
Brother William H. Brehm, Lodge No. 436, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, acting Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
Brother Benjamin B. Herr, Lodge No. 43, acting Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
Brother Andrew H. Hershey, Lodge No. 43, acting Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
Brother J. Somers Smith, Lodge No. 51, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.
Brother John A. Perry, Lodge No. 187, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
Brother William A. Rhoads, Lodge No. 419, Deputy Grand Secretary.
Brother Samuel M. Goodyear, Lodge No. 197, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.
Brother William S. Snyder, Lodge No. 464, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.
Brother Stewart W. Herman, Lodge No. 629, Grand Chaplain.
Brother E. Martin Grove, Lodge No. 464, Grand Chaplain.
Brother Andrew J. Schroder, Lodge No. 289, Senior Grand Deacon.
Brother Robert J. Scott, Lodge No. 456, Junior Grand Deacon.
Brother William T. Canan, Lodge No. 616, Grand Steward.
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Brother John A. Lathwood, Lodge No. 678, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brother Arthur D. Bacon, Lodge No. 464, Grand Pursuivant.
Brother Samuel J. Bredin, Lodge No. 289, Grand Tyler.

The following Visitors were present:

Brother John C. Murray, Lodge No. 62, Penna.
Brother Veryl C. Fisher, Lodge No. 156, Penna.
Brother James A. Ferguson, Lodge No. 156, Penna.
Brother Victor A. Keen, Lodge No. 156, Penna.
Brother J. Wallace Radcliffe, Lodge No. 158, Penna.
Brother Ivan E. Spangler, Lodge No. 266, Penna.
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Brother Elmer W. Binkley, Lodge No. 665, Penna.
Brother John W. Mulder, Lodge No. 38, Conn.

Letters and telegrams of regret were received from the following Brethren:

FROM RIGHT WORSHIPFUL PAST GRAND MASTER,
BROTHER LOUIS A. WATRES

SCRANTON, PA., April 10, 1935.

MR. JOHN W. WOLF,
530 Lancaster Avenue,
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Brother Wolf:

Acknowledging receipt of your courteous invitation to be present at the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Warranting of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., on Wednesday afternoon and evening, April twenty-fourth, let me say it gives me real pleasure to accept the invitation and I expect to be present.

Cordially and fraternally,

LOUIS A. WATRES.

SCRANTON, PA., April 24, 1935.

ANDREW H. HERSHEY:

I sincerely regret that an unexpected and imperative dentistry job prevents my being with you today. Best wishes fraternally,

LOUIS A. WATRES.

From Right Worshipful Past Grand Master,
Brother J. Willison Smith

Philadelphia, Pa., April 6, 1935.

Mr. Andrew H. Hershey,
447 West Orange Street,
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Brother Hershey:

I have just received the invitation to attend the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.

I want you to know how much I regret the fact that owing to a stated engagement on the afternoon of April 24, I cannot be present on this occasion, as the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of any Masonic Lodge is an unusual event, and I trust you will have a most unusual celebration as Lodge No. 43 has been most unusual in its personnel and accomplishment.

With very best wishes and fraternal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

J. Willison Smith.

From Right Worshipful Past Grand Master,
Brother Abraham M. Beitler

1421 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, April 10, 1935.

Honorable Otto R. Heiligman,
Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Grand Master:

I have yours of the eighth with reference to the 150th Anniversary by Lodge No. 43 of its constitution. Several days ago I accepted the Lodge's invitation stating that I would be present if my health would permit.

I am very glad that you have decided to make it a Grand Visitation.

In spite of the skill of my doctors, I am decidedly under the weather, and whether I am able to go to Lancaster will depend upon my health, though I will be extremely sorry if I am not able to be with your party.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Abraham M. Beitler.

FROM RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
BROTHER HAROLD N. RUST

WILKES-BARRE, PA., April 10th, 1935.

HON. OTTO R. HEILIGMAN, Grand Master,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Grand Master:

I am still subject to rigid requirements of conduct, and while I would go to this if to anything, I am sure Brother Hershey would want me to consider my health above the pleasure that this meeting would give me.

With sincere regards,

Fraternally yours,

HAROLD N. RUST,
Deputy Grand Master.

FROM RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,
BROTHER ROBERT R. LEWIS

COUDERSPORT, PA., April 12, 1935.

HONORABLE OTTO R. HEILIGMAN,
Right Worshipful Grand Master,
Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Otto:

The week beginning April 22d I have been assigned to Smethport to hear some prosecutions for violation of the Pennsylvania Securities Act, which were started before Judge Hubbard went on the Bench and while he was District Attorney. These cases have been continued for cause a number of times and Judge Hubbard is anxious to get them tried. If for any reason they should be continued again it would be possible for me to get to Lancaster on the 24th, but if they are tried it will be impossible for me to accept the invitation. On Brother Hershey's account especially I should like to make this trip, and for the further reason that I feel I have not been able to support your administration by attending visitations as much as I should have liked to. Furthermore I always have a pleasant time hearing you preside over a gathering of Masons.

By Monday, April 22d, I should know whether the cases are to be continued or not. If they are continued I will wire you and drive down to Lancaster. If I am not able to get away I hope you will give my kindest regards to Brother Hershey, and express to the Brethren the appreciation we all feel for his distinguished service to Pennsylvania Masonry.

Faithfully yours,

ROBERT R. LEWIS.

From Brother Scott S. Leiby, of the Committee on Masonic Homes

Harrisburg, Pa., April 20, 1935.

Mr. Andrew H. Hershey,
447 West Orange Street,
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Andrew:

As I told you last evening, I feared that Mrs. Leiby had accepted an invitation for both of us for a party next Wednesday evening, and when I checked up with her this morning, I find it to be a fact, which means that I will not be able to come to your party next Wednesday evening.

I wish you would convey my sincere regrets to your Committee, as I was very anxious to come to Lancaster, and I am in one of those dilemmas where I must succumb to the actions of the weaker and gentler sex.

You will kindly convey my best wishes to the Brethren, as well as my felicitations to the Lodge upon its One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary, which is a most commendatory achievement.

Yours very truly,

Scott S. Leiby.

From Brother Paul H. Magnus, Grand Steward

Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pa.
April 15, 1935.

Otto R. Heiligman,
R. W. Grand Master.

Dear Brother Heiligman:

I regret very much that I will be unable to accompany you on your Grand Visitation to Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pa.

It just happens that the degree I work in the Consistory, is put on the evening of April 24th, and as the Officers are depending upon me to do the work, I feel it is my duty to be present.

I hope you have a large attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, as no doubt this will be an outstanding event, and again expressing my regrets, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Paul H. Magnus.

During the one hundred and fifty years of the existence of the Lodge 1905 Brethren were initiated or admitted. The membership at the time of the Anniversary was 597.

The following Brethren served as District Deputy Grand Masters of District No. 1, during the past twenty-five years:

Brother John W. Lansinger, to September, 1912.
Brother Andrew H. Hershey, September, 1912–1913.
Brother Thaddeus G. Helm, 1914–1927.
Brother Benjamin B. Herr, 1928–

The following Brethren of Lodge No. 43, F. &. A. M., received the Fifty Year Jewel during the past twenty-five years:

	Initiated.
William Blickenderfer,	October 10, 1860.
Benjamin C. Kready,	July 15, 1863.
John Baker Albright,	October 14, 1863.
Silas N. Warfel,	May 11, 1864.
William O. Marshall, P. M.,	November 9, 1864.
Edwin C. Diller,	June 22, 1865.
Richard Blickenderfer,	September 5, 1865.
Roland H. Brubaker,	February 20, 1866.
Daniel Fralick,	March 14, 1866.
Milton W. Weidler,	July 24, 1867.
Peter W. Hiestand,	February 13, 1867.
William D. Stauffer,	September 11, 1867.
George H. Rothermel, P. M.,	February 9, 1870.
William J. Fordney,	February 9, 1870.
George A. Marshall, P. M.,	May 11, 1870.
George R. Welchans, P. M.,	June 20, 1871.
John Roland,	December 14, 1871.
Washington F. Hambright,	July 8, 1873.
John W. B. Bausman,	May 10, 1876.
John C. Carter, P. M.,	November 14, 1877.
David E. Long, P. M.,	June 12, 1878.
George B. Willson, P. M.,	October 9, 1878.
William F. Fisher,	January 14, 1880.
Jacob B. Rohrer,	January 24, 1881.
Cornelius F. May,	February 9, 1881.
Simon B. Hirsh,	June 14, 1882.
David W. Graybill, admitted	April 11, 1883.
Witmer J. Hess,	November 14, 1883.
John F. Heinitsh,	June 11, 1884.
Michael F. Bowers, admitted	October 8, 1884.
John K. Murray,	November 12, 1884.
George R. Rohrer, P. M.,	February 11, 1885.
Edgar C. Steigerwalt,	April 8, 1885.
Adam H. Herr,	May 13, 1885.
John R. Kauffman, P. M.,	June 10, 1885.
Andrew H. Hershey, P. M.,	June 10, 1885.

The following Guests of the Masonic Homes, since 1910, are credited to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.:

Brother John Hull, admitted September 22, 1910, died April 13, 1914.
Mrs. Kate E. Frailey, daughter of Brother Frederick S. Albright, admitted October 6, 1911, died January 22, 1923.
Brother George R. Welchans, admitted October 16, 1911, died February 27, 1925.
Brother Witmer J. Hess, admitted October 13, 1913, withdrew August 17, 1917.
Mrs. Mary L. Hess, wife of Brother Witmer J. Hess, admitted October 13, 1913, withdrew August 17, 1917.
Brother Christian Fate, admitted November 6, 1914, died December 31, 1918.
Mrs. Anna Fate, wife of Brother Christian Fate, admitted November 6, 1914, died September 27, 1924.
Brother Martin K. Mylin, admitted March 22, 1916, died December 23, 1918.
Miss Anna Moderwell, adult daughter of Brother Robert Moderwell, admitted February 1, 1918, died June 3, 1930.
Brother Edwin C. Musselman, admitted March 12, 1919, died November 9, 1922.
Miss Emily D. Young, adult daughter of Brother Simon J. Young, admitted July 26, 1921, died December 16, 1923.
Mrs. Myra Mulhattan, mother of Brother Charles F. Mulhattan, admitted February 1, 1924.
Brother John L. Groff, admitted June 17, 1924.
Mrs. Elizabeth T. Dunlap, widow of Brother George M. D. Dunlap, admitted December 5, 1925.
Helen Jane Hill, minor daughter of Brother Chester L. Hill, admitted October 25, 1930.
Warren Caldwell Hill, minor son of Brother Chester L. Hill, admitted October 25, 1930.
Mrs. Susan S. Long, widow of Brother David E. Long, admitted March 2, 1931, died March 31, 1933.
Virginia Johnson Boyd, minor daughter of Brother Ralph J. Boyd, admitted July 2, 1931.
Miriam Janet Boyd, minor daughter of Brother Ralph J. Boyd, admitted July 2, 1931.
Mrs. Emma E. Welchans, widow of Brother George R. Welchans, admitted October 1, 1931, died January 3, 1932.
Brother John C. Somers, admitted December 16, 1932.
Mrs. Margaret E. Somers, wife of Brother John C. Somers, admitted December 16, 1932.
Brother Park Crawford, admitted December 4, 1933.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

STEPHEN CHAMBERS

[W. M., September 14, 1785, to June 24, 1787]

Stephen Chambers was a prominent officer in the Revolutionary army and afterwards one of the leading lawyers at the Lancaster Bar.

He first served in the army as a Lieutenant in the 12th Penn. Regiment; he was promoted to Captain in 1777.

At the close of the Revolutionary War he studied law, and was admitted to practice at the Lancaster Bar in 1780. He soon attained a large and lucrative practice, owned several farms, and was interested in the iron business. He was a delegate to the convention in 1787, which ratified, on the part of Pennsylvania, the Federal Constitution.

In May, 1789, there was a banquet given at Slough's tavern (Centre Square), which was attended by a number of Revolutionary officers, among whom were Captain Stephen Chambers and Doctor Jacob Rieger. Captain Chambers was dressed in his military suit, and in personal appearance was one of the finest-looking officers in the country, and his manner was imperious. Dr. Rieger was a diminutive person, and very untidy in his personal appearance.

At the banquet table Captain Chambers made some disparaging remark about Dr. Rieger, which the latter overheard and deemed insulting. The result was a challenge to mortal combat, which was accepted. The parties met on Monday evening, May 11th, near Lancaster. At the first fire neither one was wounded, and the seconds made an effort to reconcile the principals, but Dr. Rieger would not consent to it. At the second fire the Captain's pistol snapped without discharging; Dr. Rieger, however, sent a ball through both legs of his antagonist. The wounds bled freely, and for two days it was thought they were not dangerous; mortification, however, set in, and he died on Saturday following (May 16th). He left a widow and several small children. He was buried in Saint James' churchyard, Lancaster, Pa. Several years ago his grave was located by Brother William F. Worner, who communicated to the Lodge its neglected condition, when on motion of the Lodge the matter was referred to the Trustees who had the plot improved and the inscription on the tombstone recut, adding "First Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43, F. &. A. M."

Captain Stephen Chambers was admitted by certificate from Lodge No. 17, Dublin, Ireland, into Royal Arch Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia, Pa., on March 16, 1779, from which he soon withdrew, and became a member of Lodge No. 9, Lancaster, Pa., and was the Master of that Lodge when he removed to Sunbury, Pa., when he surrendered the warrant of Lodge No. 9, and became the Master of Lodge No. 22, at its constitution

December 17, 1779. In 1780 he again returned to Lancaster. He was one of the founders of Lodge No. 43, and was named in the original charter as the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He was installed at the first meeting of the Lodge on September 14, 1785, and served in that capacity until June, 1787.

JOHN DOYLE

[W. M., June 24, 1787, to October, 1788]

John Doyle was a son of Thomas Doyle, of Lancaster, who was a very prominent citizen and the proprietor of the Slaymaker tavern, which stood at the northwest corner of East King and Christian streets. His grandfather was also named Thomas, and was the pioneer of this family, having come to the Conestoga probably direct from Maryland in the years 1727–1728. He was a Roman Catholic, and probably belonged to the Order of Jesuits.

John was born January 23, 1750, his mother having been Mary Young, daughter of Mathias Young, a merchant of Lancaster, and one of the founders of the Moravian Church on Market street. He was apprenticed to a gunsmith, and afterwards became one of the leading gunsmiths of Lancaster. On September 5, 1776, he formed an independent company of volunteers and on the same day was commissioned Captain. For some time this company guarded prisoners in York and Lancaster, and was on other detached duty. It became attached to the First Pennsylvania Battalion, where it remained until 1778, when it became part of the Sixth Pennsylvania, and participated in a number of battles. In the spring of 1781 this Company marched with the Pennsylvania troops under General Wayne to Virginia. On July 6, 1781, after marching several miles from Chickahominy Church, the First Battalion of the Pennsylvania troops was detached, with a small party of riflemen, to feel for the British, whom they found unexpectedly, and they became hotly engaged, which brought on a general engagement. Among the wounded was Captain Doyle. Captain Doyle for brilliant service in this action was promoted to Major.

According to a certificate of General Wayne, he particularly distinguished himself at the battle of Green Springs, Virginia.

He never entirely recovered from his wounds. He was in hospital in York, and from there taken to Lancaster. He was pensioned by the Government.

April 21st, 1785, a Warrant was granted to Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M., of which Major Doyle was one of the petitioners.

He was probably made a Mason in one of the Army Lodges. In the Warrant of Lodge No. 43 he was named as the first Senior Warden, in which capacity he served from September 14, 1785, until June, 1787, when he was elected Worshipful Master, which position he continued to fill until the fall of 1788, when he died while in office.

Brother Doyle was a Roman Catholic, but a very liberal one; he was also a member of the "Society of the Cincinnati." He was said to have been buried in Old St. Mary's churchyard, Lancaster.

HENRY STUBER

Henry Stuber, M.D., was a prominent physician residing and practicing in the Borough of Lancaster. He was born in October, 1738. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of Lancaster, and his name appears on a subscription list, found amongst the Yeates papers, as subscribing £1 on October 2, 1762, towards the purchase of a bell for St. James' Episcopal Church.

He was one of the Charter Members of the Lodge, and was named in the original warrant as Junior Warden, in which position he was installed at the first meeting of the Lodge.

He served as Junior Warden until June, 1787, when he was elected Senior Warden, which office he filled (being twice reëlected) up to the date of his death, which occurred, suddenly, on January 27, 1789.

He took a very active part in the meetings of the Lodge, and was regularly in his station.

The record of burials of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, contains the following entry:

January 27th, 1789.
Auf Unser Kirchenhof
Heinrich Stuber
Der Plötzlich verstorben.
Alt 50 jahr, 3 mon.

He left two daughters and one son, and a number of his descendants, still residing in the northern portion of the county.

SOLOMON ETTING

[W. M., June 24, 1790, to June 24, 1791]

Solomon Etting was born in York, Penn.; he married a daughter of the celebrated Indian trader Joseph Simon, of Lancaster. He then removed to Lancaster and entered into partnership with his father-in-law, under the firm name of Simon & Etting. They conducted a general merchandise business in a store room on the southeast corner of East King and Centre Square. He afterwards removed to Philadelphia, and finally to Baltimore, where he died at a great age, leaving a large family.

He was a man of sterling integrity, of great wit and drollery, and was beloved and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was distinguished for his considerable and indiscriminate charities, and was, in his old age, affectionately hailed by all as "Father Etting."

He was one of the founders of Lodge No. 43, and, being a Past Master, was deputized by R. W. Grand Master Wm. Adcock, to constitute the

Lodge and install the officers. He was the first Treasurer of the Lodge, serving as such until December, 1786.

He was a very useful and active member of the Lodge, filling numerous stations temporarily. He was elected Junior Warden in June, 1788, serving as such until June, 1790, when he was elected Worshipful Master, filling the office for one year, when he withdrew from the Lodge and removed to Philadelphia.

HENRY DERING

Henry Dering was Burgess of the Borough of Lancaster in 1786, Chief Burgess in 1787 and 1788, and a member of the Legislature in 1789.

He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and on the night of its constitution was appointed the first Senior Deacon. He filled that office, as well as several other appointed offices, until June, 1788, when he was elected Treasurer of the Lodge, serving as such until June, 1790.

He continued an active and useful member of the Lodge, serving in various appointed positions up to the date of his death, which occurred April 6, 1800. By a resolution of the Lodge, the members wore crape on their left arms for thirty days, out of respect to his memory.

ADAM HUBLEY, JR.

Adam Hubley, Jr., was a very prominent officer of the Revolutionary army. He was a son of Michael Hubley. He first served as a Lieutenant in Colonel John Philip De Haas' First Pennsylvania Battalion, which was raised in pursuance of a resolution of Congress passed October 12, 1775. In 1776 he was promoted to Major of one of the additional regiments, and subsequently to Lieutenant Colonel of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment. On June 5, 1779, he was made "Lieutenant Colonel Commandant" of the new 11th Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Line. He enjoyed confidential relations with Washington, Lafayette, Wayne, and other high officers, and his record makes a bright page in the history of the war for independence.

The following letters, which were published by Colonel Frank Burr, show in what esteem he was held by his superior officers.

General Washington writes:

"Adam Hubley, Junr., Esq., late Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, entered the service as a Lieutenant in the year 1775, from which rank he rose to that of the command of a regiment, and continued until the late reform of the army, when he was under the necessity of retiring upon half pay.

"For the last three years Colonel Hubley acted principally under my immediate command, during which time he distinguished himself as an attentive, brave and intelligent officer, and from the testimony of the

gentlemen under whom he served at other periods, his conduct has been uniformly deserving of applause.

"Given at headquarters at New Windsor, the 24th day of March, 1781.

G. WASHINGTON."

"Mad" Anthony Wayne wrote as follows:

"If more than five years faithful service in the field—if the truest patriotism, bravery and assiduity entitles the gentleman and the soldier to the esteem and confidence of his country, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Adam Hubley has highest claim to it.

"Given at Trenton this 19th day of January, 1781.

ANTHONY WAYNE, B. G.,
Commanding the Pennsylvania Line."

He was a member of the Legislature for the years 1783, 1785, 1786 and 1787. He was also chosen a member of the State Senate in 1790.

He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and was at the first meeting of the Lodge appointed Junior Deacon. He officiated in several appointed positions, and withdrew from the Lodge on July 10, 1793.

WILLIAM FELTMAN

WILLIAM FELTMAN was a son of John Feltman, who kept tavern at 35 West King street, according to present numbering, now occupied as Hotel St. George.

He entered the service as ensign in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment, and was commissioned Lieutenant on November 2, 1777. He also acted as paymaster of this regiment. On January 17, 1791, he was transferred to the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment. His Regiment marched from Lancaster to Yorktown, and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis.

He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and at its first meeting was selected as Secretary, performing the duties of this responsible position until October, 1792. In December, 1795, he was again elected Secretary, and served until June, 1796, after which he withdrew from the Lodge.

JAMES MOORE

[W. M., December 27, 1788, to June 24, 1790]

JAMES MOORE was a farmer in Drumore township, Lancaster county.

He was admitted a member of Lodge No. 43 on June 13, 1787. Upon the death of Worshipful Master Bro. John Doyle, he officiated in his place, and in December, 1788, was elected Worshipful Master.

He withdrew from the Lodge and removed to Baltimore in April, 1790, before his term of office had expired.

CHARLES SMITH

[W. M., June 24, 1791, to June 24, 1792]

Hon. Charles Smith, LL.D., was a leading member of the Lancaster Bar, to which he was admitted in 1787. He was elected a member of the Legislature in the years 1806, 1807 and 1808, and to the State Senate in 1816. He ranked amongst the ablest men in the Senate and House of Representatives, and bore a conspicuous part in the proceedings of the Legislature. On March 27, 1819, he was appointed to and served as President Judge of the Ninth Judicial District, consisting of the counties of Cumberland, Franklin and Adams. He resigned this position March 27, 1820, having been appointed and commissioned on that day President Judge of the "District Court for the City and County of Lancaster." This latter office he filled until March 27, 1824. He married a daughter of Judge Jasper Yeates, of the Supreme Court. He built a residence near Lancaster known as Hardwicke, since demolished. He removed to Baltimore in 1824, shortly after his retirement from the bench.

He was elected to membership in Lodge No. 43, April 11, 1787. The following June he was elected Junior Warden, but in the latter part of the year he removed to Sunbury, and therefore did not complete his term of office. In the year 1791, having returned to Lancaster, he again took an active part in the affairs of the Lodge, and at the stated meeting held June 8, 1791, he was chosen Worshipful Master, which office he filled for one year.

MATHIAS BARTON

[W. M., June 24, 1792, to December 27, 1792]

Mathias Barton was a son of Rev. Thomas Barton, and was admitted to the Bar in 1778. He was elected from Lancaster county to the Legislature in the years 1793, 1794 and 1795. In 1796 he was elected to the Senate of Pennsylvania, and reëlected in 1800.

He was a man of superior culture, and possessed a great fondness for natural history. In his travels through Pennsylvania and other States, he made considerable collections of natural history, and he noted, in an especial manner, the habits of animals, in particular the viviparous quadrupeds, and also of birds and fishes. He was for many years engaged in collecting materials for a work on "The Instincts and Manners of Animals." He also made a large collection of the mineral productions of Pennsylvania. He excelled as a painter and drawer of sketches from nature. A considerable portion of his leisure time was employed in painting scenes from nature, and the animals of our country. He was a gentleman very amiable in manners, of unspotted virtue, and whose charms in society endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was a useful citizen, and ranked among the ablest men of Pennsylvania.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on August 13, 1788, became an active and useful member, serving in various positions, including

Worshipful Master, to which office he was elected June, 1792, serving six months. He died January 11, 1809, aged 47 years.

JAMES GAMBLE

[W. M., December 27, 1792, to June 24, 1793]

Captain James Gamble was a wealthy yeoman of Drumore township, Lancaster county. His wealth was almost exclusively invested in bonds and stocks. He died in January, 1795.

He was admitted a member of Lodge No. 43 on August 12, 1789. He filled several appointed positions in the Lodge, and was elected Worshipful Master in December, 1792. He was not installed until March 21, 1793, and he never officiated as Master of the Lodge.

WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK

[W. M., June 24, 1793, to June 24, 1794; December 27, 1794, to December 27, 1795; December 27, 1798, to June 24, 1799; December 27, 1799, to December 27, 1800; June 24, 1803, to December 27, 1806; December 27, 1808, to December 27, 1809]

William Kirkpatrick was a wealthy merchant of Lancaster; kept store on North Queen street, about the present No. 26. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian church, President of the Columbia Bank for two or three years, and a Director of the same for many years. He was one of the incorporators of nearly all the turnpikes running into Lancaster. He was a man of the strictest integrity.

Brother Kirkpatrick was admitted a member of Lodge No. 43 on April 10, 1790, and at once assumed an active position in the affairs and proceedings of the Lodge. In June, 1791, he was elected Junior Warden, in which position he served until December, 1792, and from which position he was first elected Worshipful Master in June, 1793. He was twice elected Senior Warden, and six times chosen Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He was one of the most useful and active members of the Lodge, and devoted much of his time and means to its welfare.

Bros. Wm. Kirkpatrick, Jere. Mosher and Wm. Hamilton were the first three members exalted at the formation of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, in March, 1809, and Bro. Kirkpatrick was elected and served as the first High Priest of the new Chapter.

PETER GETZ

[W. M., June 24, 1794, to December 27, 1794]

Peter Getz was a goldsmith and jeweler. His place of business was on South Queen street, probably what is now the rear of the Conestoga National Bank Building. He was probably the first goldsmith in

Lancaster. He was a self-taught mechanic of singular ingenuity, and was remarkable for the extraordinary elegance and beauty of his workmanship. In 1792 he was a candidate for the position of Chief Coiner or Engraver in the United States Mint.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on December 13, 1786. He was an active and useful member of the Lodge, filling various offices until December, 1792, when he was elected Senior Warden, in which position he served until June, 1793, when he was chosen Worshipful Master. He afterwards (June, 1797) was elected Junior Warden. He was one of the earliest members of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

JEREMIAH MOSHER

[W. M., December 27, 1795, to June 24, 1796; December 27, 1809, to June 24, 1811]

Gen. Jeremiah Mosher was a native of Roxbury. Born 1753, he served under Arnold in the expedition to Quebec, and was one of the forlorn hope which penetrated to the works in what was called the Lower Town. All his companions were killed or wounded but himself, and, being taken prisoner, he was afterwards released, and served in the American army till the close of the Revolution, and then retired covered with honorable scars. He was wounded at Valley Forge in 1778, and was discharged in 1780. He carried on blacksmithing extensively in Lancaster, and did most of the work for the different stage lines running from Philadelphia through Lancaster to Pittsburgh. He was a man of excellent character and good judgment. He was a member of the Legislature in 1815 and in 1818. He was elected Colonel in 1812, and afterwards Brigadier General. He died March 8, 1830. He was buried with the honors of war, and a horse, upon which his regimentals were placed, was led in the funeral procession.

Brother Mosher was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on January 12, 1791, served as Junior Warden from December, 1792, to June, 1794, and from June to December, 1811. He served as Senior Warden from June, 1794, to December, 1795, from December, 1808, to December, 1809, and from December, 1811, to June, 1812. He was first elected Worshipful Master in December, 1795, serving six months. He was the second time elected Worshipful Master in December, 1809, and served as such until June, 1811.

He was one of the earliest members of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and was the first King of the Chapter.

JACOB CARPENTER

[W. M., June 24, 1796, to December 27, 1796; December 27, 1797, to December 27, 1798; December 27, 1800, to June 24, 1802]

Jacob Carpenter was a son of Henry Carpenter (Heinrich Zimmerman), of Swiss extraction, who settled in this county near what is now called Lampeter Square.

Jacob, along with his two brothers, Christian and Daniel, were placed by their father on land owned by him near his residence in Lampeter. He was a member of the Legislature for the years 1765, 1766, 1767, 1769, 1772 and 1781. He was County Commissioner in 1785.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on August 14, 1793, was elected Junior Warden June, 1794, and served until December, 1795, when he was elected Senior Warden, which office he filled until June, 1796, when he was elected Worshipful Master, and served one term of six months. He was again elected Worshipful Master in December, 1797, and served until December, 1798. He was a third time elected Worshipful Master, in December, 1800, and served until June 24, 1802.

JOHN MORRIS

[W. M., December 27, 1796, to June 24, 1797]

JOHN MORRIS was a merchant, and kept store on East King street next door to Diffenderffer's tavern (now Hotel Weber). He was Coroner in 1743.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on November 12, 1793. He was elected Junior Warden in December, 1795, and served as such until June, 1796, when he was elected Senior Warden; and in December of the same year he was elected Worshipful Master, which office he filled until June, 1797. In December, 1797, he was elected Secretary, which office he filled until September, 1801, when he removed to Philadelphia and withdrew from the Lodge.

JOHN MILLER

[W. M., June 24, 1797, to December 27, 1797]

JOHN MILLER kept the "Gen. Wayne" tavern on the west side of North Queen Street, between King and Orange Streets.

He was sheriff of Lancaster county in the years 1785, 1786 and 1787. He was Chief Burgess of the borough in 1799, and Burgess in 1805.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on September 29, 1794. He was elected Junior Warden in December, 1796, and in June, 1797, was elected Worshipful Master, which office he filled for six months. He withdrew from the Lodge March 24, 1798.

ABRAHAM HENRY

[W. M., June 24, 1799, to December 27, 1799]

ABRAHAM HENRY was a gun maker, and was one of the first to engage in that business in Lancaster.

He was admitted a member of Lodge No. 43, on June 9, 1790. He was elected Senior Warden in December, 1797, and served as such until June, 1799, when he was elected Worshipful Master, which office he filled one term of six months.

BENJAMIN WEST HENRY

[W. M., June 24, 1802, to June 24, 1803]

Benjamin West Henry was the youngest son of William Henry, celebrated gun maker and financier of the Revolution, and was an artist of considerable ability and reputation.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on November 8, 1797, elected Junior Warden December, 1798, elected Senior Warden June, 1799, and served as such until June, 1802, when he was elected Worshipful Master, which position he held one year.

ROBERT McELWEE

[W. M., December 27, 1806, to December 27, 1808]

Robert McElwee was a clerk in the State Treasurer's office. When the State Department was removed to Harrisburg he removed to that city.

He was admitted a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on January 12, 1803, was elected Junior Warden in June, 1803, served until June, 1804, when he was elected Senior Warden, which office he filled until December, 1806, when he was elected Worshipful Master and served one year. He withdrew from the Lodge and joined Perseverance Lodge No. 21, in 1814. He died in Harrisburg August 3, 1821.

WILLIAM HAMILTON

[W. M., June 24, 1811, to December 27, 1812]

William Hamilton was born in the city of Philadelphia, and learned the business of printing. He came to Lancaster in the winter of 1794–5, and entered into partnership with Henry Wilcox to publish the *Lancaster Journal.* Hamilton soon purchased the interest of his partner, and published the *Journal* from June, 1796, until 1820. He was elected a member of the Legislature in 1810 and 1811, and a State Senator in 1812. He was Captain of a rifle company in 1814. He was Treasurer of Lancaster county 1816, 1817 and 1818. He failed financially, and his distress of mind was so great as to unseat his reason. He died in the County Almshouse and Asylum, April 10, 1820, in the 49th year of his age.

Bro. Hamilton was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on January 13, 1796, and in June of the same year was elected Secretary, which office he filled one year. He was elected Junior Warden in December, 1808, served as such one year, was elected Senior Warden in December, 1809, served as such until June, 1811, when he was elected Worshipful Master, which office he filled until December 27, 1812.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

SAMUEL HUMES

[W. M., December 27, 1812, to June 24, 1813]

Samuel Humes, M.D., was an eminent physician and surgeon of Lancaster. Prior to his entering upon the study of his profession (in 1806), he was City Treasurer. He received his degree in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1808. He located for the practice of his profession in his native town, and enjoyed a large and successful practice. He was active in the formation of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society in 1844, and was its first President. He was also the first President of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association. He was actively engaged in the practice of his profession to the date of his death, which occurred in September, 1852.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on October 10, 1810, was elected Junior Warden in December, 1811, served as such until June 24, 1812. He was elected Worshipful Master in December, 1812, which office he filled for six months. He was District Deputy Grand Master from 1830 to 1832. He was elected an honorary member on November 8, 1848. He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

NATHANIEL LIGHTNER

[W. M., June 24, 1813, to December 27, 1814]

Nathaniel Lightner followed the occupation of conveyancer; he was a member of the Legislature, and was Mayor of the city of Lancaster from 1824 to 1830.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on February 12, 1812, was elected Senior Warden in December, 1812, and served as such until June, 1813, when he was elected Worshipful Master, which office he filled until December 27, 1814. He withdrew from the Lodge April 9, 1828. He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

MOLTON C. ROGERS

[W. M., December 27, 1814, to December 27, 1815]

Hon. Molton C. Rogers was a native of Delaware, graduated at Princeton College and Litchfield, Conn., Law School. He removed to Lancaster, and was admitted to the Bar November 18, 1811. On April 16, 1818, he was appointed recorder of the Mayor's Court of the City of Lancaster. He was elected State Senator in 1819, appointed by Governor Shulze Secretary of the Commonwealth in 1823, and was commissioned one of the Judges of the Supreme Court on April 15, 1836, and filled that office until 1851.

He was a man of general scientific and literary culture, dignified in demeanor, fearless and incorruptible.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on March 23, 1812, was elected

Senior Warden in December, 1813, and Worshipful Master in December, 1814.

He took a very active part in the affairs of the Lodge, and was particularly prominent in the troubles between the Lodge and the Grand Lodge, which culminated in the loss of the Charter of the Lodge. He withdrew from the Lodge on June 10, 1829.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

JOHN REYNOLDS

[W. M., December 27, 1815, to December 27, 1816]

John Reynolds was a native of Lancaster county. He was the editor of the *Journal* for many years before its union with the *Intelligencer*. After his retirement from editorial life he moved to Cornwall, and assumed the management of the iron works at that place. He was chosen guardian of the minor children of Thomas B. Coleman. He remained the manager at Cornwall until about 1847, when he returned to Lancaster. In 1822 he was elected a member of the Legislature, and reëlected in 1823. He was the father of the lamented General John F. Reynolds, Rear-Admiral Wm. Reynolds, and Gen. James L. Reynolds. He died in Baltimore, May 11, 1853, in the 67th year of his age.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on January 13, 1813, was elected Junior Warden in December, 1813, Senior Warden in 1814, and Worshipful Master in 1815. He was a very useful and active member of the Lodge, and took a prominent part in the trouble between the Lodge and Grand Lodge. He withdrew April 9, 1828, and removed to Baltimore.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

GEORGE H. WHITAKER

[W. M., December 27, 1816, to December 17, 1818; March 10, 1824, to December 27, 1824]

George H. Whitaker was born in Chester county, May 31, 1783. He removed to Lancaster, and at the age of fourteen was employed at Reigart's wine and liquor store, and was continuously employed at this house up to the date of his death. He also carried on a manufactory of feather fans, etc. He was a vestryman of St. James' Episcopal church, was a most exemplary citizen, was widely known and highly respected. He died December 7, 1849, and was buried in St. James' churchyard.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on December 9, 1812, was elected Junior Warden December, 1814, Senior Warden December, 1815, and Worshipful Master December, 1816. He served as Master two years. He was a very useful and active member of the Lodge, serving temporarily in various positions, and upon the removal of Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Ebenezer Wright, he was on March 10, 1824, elected to fill the

unexpired term of this office. He was elected an honorary member of the Lodge June 14, 1848.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

THOMAS JEFFRIES

[W. M., December 27, 1818, to December 27, 1819, and December 27, 1833, to December 27, 1834]

THOMAS JEFFRIES was an architect and builder. He was born April 22, 1786. He was one of a large family of twenty-three children. He was the builder of many of the most prominent buildings of Lancaster in his time. Among others, he rebuilt St. James' Episcopal church in 1819. He kept the "Eastern Hotel" at the corner of East King and Lime Streets, he afterwards kept the "Cross Keys" Hotel, West King Street, and still later the "Fulton House," on North Queen Street above the railroad. He was for a long time a member of City Councils, and was on the committee that purchased the old water works and reservoir property. He was chairman of the committee of Councils who petitioned the Legislature and succeeded in having the Pennsylvania Railroad pass through the city (since abandoned, the engineers having laid out the route one mile north of the city).

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on February 10, 1813, was elected Junior Warden December, 1815, and Senior Warden December, 1816. He served in the latter office two years, and in December, 1818, was elected Worshipful Master. He was a very active and most useful member of the Lodge, and occupies a position on the roll of honor as having helped to sustain the Lodge during the anti-Masonic times. After the force of the storm had been spent and the Lodge resumed its meetings, he was, in December, 1833, again elected Worshipful Master, and in December, 1835, he was elected Treasurer of the Lodge, serving in that office two years.

He was District Deputy Grand Master of this Masonic district from 1837 to 1839.

He was elected an honorary member of the Lodge on June 14, 1848, and died June 24, 1850.

His son Charles A., and his grandson William T. Jeffries, were members of the Lodge.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

GEORGE B. PORTER

[W. M., December 27, 1819, to December 27, 1821]

HON. GEORGE B. PORTER was a son of General Andrew Porter, of Revolutionary memory. He was a leading lawyer at the Lancaster Bar, and in the front rank of his profession. He was born in Lancaster, February 9, 1791, was admitted to the Bar in 1813, was Prothonotary of Lancaster county in 1818, and was appointed Adjutant General of the

State in 1824. He was an eloquent speaker, and was chosen by the City of Lancaster to make the reception speech to General Lafayette, when he visited it in 1824. He defended Walter Franklin in his impeachment before the Senate of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1827, and he was Governor of Michigan territory for three years. He died at Detroit, July 6, 1834.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on May 10, 1815, was elected Junior Warden December, 1818, and Worshipful Master December, 1819, and was reëlected in December, 1820.

He was one of the most active among the members of the Lodge in the controversy with the Grand Lodge, which resulted in the loss of the Charter, and was equally active in having it restored to the Lodge.

He was the second District Deputy Grand Master appointed for this Masonic District, and filled the office from March, 1825, until December, 1830.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

HENRY KEFFER

[W. M., December 27, 1821, to December 27, 1822; December 27, 1830, to November, 1833]

Henry Keffer was born April 11, 1774. For many years he carried on the business of confectioner on the north side of East King Street, east of Penn Square. He was much esteemed as an honest, upright citizen and consistent Christian, and was a man of more than ordinary intelligence. He was originally a member of the Lutheran Church, but later became a receiver of the doctrines of Swedenborg, and a prominent member of the Lancaster New Church Society.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, April 12, 1815, was elected Senior Warden in December, 1818, and served two years.

He was elected Worshipful Master in December, 1821, served one year, and was again elected Worshipful Master in December, 1830. He was Master during the time the Lodge was closed through the anti-Masonic excitement, and until the reopening of the Lodge in November, 1833, when his successor was elected. He occupies a prominent place on the roll of honor in preserving the Lodge during the anti-Masonic excitement.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43. He died October 15, 1841, and was buried in Woodward Hill Cemetery.

JAMES BUCHANAN

[W. M., December 27, 1822, to December 27, 1823]

Hon. James Buchanan was born near Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pa., April 23, 1791. His father was a native of Ireland, and emigrated to this country in 1783. He graduated at Dickinson College in 1809. In December of the same year he commenced the study of law with

James Hopkins, Esq., of Lancaster. He was admitted to practice November 17, 1812, and soon took a front rank in his profession, rapidly rising to fame and fortune.

He served as a private soldier in Captain Henry Shippen's company, which marched to the defense of Baltimore in the War of 1812 to 1814.

He was elected to the State Legislature in 1815 and 1816, Representative to Congress in 1821, and was continuously reëlected until 1831. He was soon afterwards appointed United States Minister to Russia, by President Jackson. In 1833, on his return to the United States, he was elected United States Senator, taking his seat December 15, 1834.

He was Secretary of State under President Polk, serving during the four years.

He was appointed U. S. Minister to England by President Pierce, and on his return to the United States he was nominated and elected fifteenth President of the United States. He was inaugurated March 4, 1857, and after his four years of service he retired to his residence at Wheatland near this city, where he died, June 1, 1868, and is buried in Woodward Hill Cemetery.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on December 11, 1816. He was entered by W. M. Bro. John Reynolds, and was passed and raised by W. M. Bro. George Whitaker on January 24, 1817. He was elected Junior Warden December 13, 1820, and Worshipful Master December 23, 1822. At the expiration of his term of office, he was appointed the first District Deputy Grand Master of this district. He was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, March 10, 1858.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

EBENEZER WRIGHT

[W. M., December 27, 1823, ———; December 27, 1825, to December 27, 1826]

Ebenezer Wright, Esq., was an able and distinguished lawyer, who came to Lancaster from one of the Eastern States. He was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in 1814. He was one of the Directors of the "Widows' and Orphans' Assurance Society" of Lancaster, which was in existence in 1822, and for a number of years afterwards.

He was admitted a member of Lodge No. 43, June 9, 1819, and took a very active part in the affairs of the Lodge. He was elected Senior Warden in December, 1822, and Worshipful Master in December, 1823, but owing to his removal to Philadelphia was unable to serve, and withdrew from the Lodge. He was readmitted a member of the Lodge on his return to Lancaster, on December 14, 1825, and was the same night again elected Worshipful Master.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43. He died in April, 1829, at his residence, West King Street, this city.

JASPER SLAYMAKER

[W. M., 1824 to 1825]

Jasper Slaymaker was a son of Hon. Amos Slaymaker, of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, who was a member of Congress in 1812. He was born November, 1787, graduated at Dickinson College in 1818, was a student of law under James Hopkins, Esq., and was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in 1811. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving first under Captain James Humes, and afterwards in Captain Henry Shippen's troop of horse, which marched to the defense of Baltimore.

He was a member of the State Legislature, and upon the creation of the Mayor's Court of the city of Lancaster, was the first prosecuting attorney for the same.

He, with Hon. Bro. George B. Porter and Edward Coleman, Esq., constituted the committee to meet Gen. Lafayette and escort and welcome him to the city of Lancaster, upon the occasion of his visit in 1824. He died in August, 1827, in the 40th year of his age.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, January 13, 1813. He was elected Worshipful Master in December, 1824.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

MATTHEW McKELLY

[W. M., 1826 to 1827]

Matthew McKelly was the son of Alexander McKelly. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, January 20, 1800. He emigrated to America with his parents in 1801, and they settled in Lancaster, Pa. He learned the art of printing with William Dickson, in the *Intelligencer* office. During the years 1822 and 1823 he edited and published the *Free Press*. He then studied law, and was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in 1825.

In 1834 he was appointed chief clerk in the Auditor General's office under Governor Wolfe, which position he held at the time of his death. He died at Harrisburg, August 12, 1834.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, January 14, 1834, was elected Junior Warden in 1825, and Worshipful Master in 1826, serving one year.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

JOHN MATHIOT

[W. M., 1827 to 1828]

John Mathiot was born in Lancaster, December 26, 1784. He removed to Columbia in 1798. He was appointed Postmaster of Columbia in 1807, and served until 1818, when he was elected Sheriff of Lancaster county; he was for many years an Alderman of the city, and followed the occupation of scrivener. He was elected Mayor of the city in 1831,

and was annually reëlected to this office for eleven years, serving up to the date of his death. He was a member of the School Board from the time of its organization in 1838, and was elected President of the Board May 10, 1839, serving as such up to the time of his death. He died January 22, 1843, in the 58th year of his age.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, on December 10, 1823, was elected Senior Warden on December 13, 1826, and was elected Worshipful Master on December 12, 1827, serving as such for the term of one year.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

JOHN LANDIS

[W. M., 1828 to 1829]

JOHN LANDIS was born August 16, 1776. He emigrated to Lancaster in 1797. In 1805 he removed to Middletown, and a year or two later he returned to Lancaster. He kept store on East King Street fourteen years, afterwards on North Queen Street until 1829, when he removed to Warwick township. He afterwards, about 1840, returned to Lancaster, and was elected Alderman of the old Northeast ward.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on May 13, 1818, was elected Senior Warden December, 1824, and Worshipful Master December, 1828, serving as such one year.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43. He died April 28, 1850.

ABNER THOMAS

[W. M., 1829 to 1830]

ABNER THOMAS was a school teacher. We find him teaching in the Friends' meeting house, on the east side of South Queen Street, now occupied by the Haldy Marble Yard, in the year 1818. At this time he advertised that he was teaching the Lancasterian system (so named after its founder, Joseph Lancaster, of England, who devised and first put the system in operation), and that he had experimented with the system for two years. He continued to teach until the introduction of the common school system in 1822, when he discontinued teaching and practiced dentistry on the west side of the second square of South Queen Street, nearly opposite the Friends' meeting house. He was the first librarian of the Mechanics' Society of Lancaster, being elected at its organization in July, 1829.

He was admitted a member of Lodge No. 43 October 11, 1820, was elected Senior Warden December, 1821, served one year as such, and was elected Worshipful Master in December, 1829.

He was also a Past High Priest in Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

ALEXANDER MILLER

[W. M., 1834 to 1835]

Alexander Miller was born in Lancaster county, July 9, 1784, received a country school education, and spent his early years working on the farm. He next learned the trade of house carpenter, and afterwards for many years carried on this business in Lancaster City.

He was a member of Common Councils, and a prominent member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church. Some time previous to his death he removed to Dayton, Ohio, where he died in 1869.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on December 10, 1823, passed and raised on the 19th of the same month. He served in several appointed offices, was elected Junior Warden in November, 1833, on the revival of the Lodge from its anti-Masonic depression; frequently filling, during the year 1834, the stations of Senior Warden and Worshipful Master; and finally, at the stated meeting of December 10, 1834, was elected Worshipful Master, which position he faithfully filled to the end of his term.

His name is enrolled with that noble band who sustained the Lodge during the anti-Masonic craze.

ROBERT MODERWELL

[W. M., 1835 to 1837; 1846 to 1847]

Robert Moderwell was born in Lancaster, Pa., on March 26, 1796. His father, John Moderwell, emigrated to this country from Ireland. He was reared and educated by his uncle (by marriage) P. M. Bro. William Kirkpatrick, in whose store he was afterwards employed as a dry goods clerk. He, in partnership with Peterson Andrews, succeeded Wm. Kirkpatrick upon his retirement from the dry goods business in 1829 or 1830. In 1832, he engaged in the auction and commission business at the southeast corner of North Queen and Orange Streets. About the time of the opening by the State of the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, in 1835 or 1836, he engaged in the freight business between Lancaster and Philadelphia, which he conducted on East Chestnut Street, east of the "Hiester House," now "Hotel Brunswick." In 1845 or 1846, he removed his place of business to the premises which he erected for the purpose, on North Queen Street above the railroad, and now occupied by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company freight yards, where he also resided and conducted the freight transportation business until his decease.

In 1839, he was a member of Select Council. He was also a member of the School Board, and on May 9, 1843, he was elected President of that body, and was reëlected to the same position for three succeeding years. He died, January 19, 1859, in the sixty-third year of his age, leaving a widow and two children.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on January 11, 1826, and at once took an active part in the affairs of the Lodge. He was elected

Junior Warden in December, 1826, Senior Warden, December, 1827, Secretary in 1833, and Worshipful Master in 1835, in which position he officiated two years. He was elected Treasurer in December, 1843, and served two years, and in December, 1846, was again elected Worshipful Master, serving one year. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1839, and filled the office until 1848, when he resigned the position and ceased active membership in the Lodge, being elected an honorary member April 12, 1848. He was one of the noble band who upheld the Lodge during the anti-Masonic times. A life-size oil portrait of him hangs in the ante-room.

At his death the Lodge attended his funeral, and he was buried with the impressive ceremonies of the Order, in Lancaster Cemetery.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and it was largely through his efforts that the Chapter survived during the anti-Masonic period.

ELIJAH McLENIGAN

[W. M., 1837 to 1838]

Elijah McLenigan was a dry goods merchant, whose place of business was on East King Street east of Duke Street, on the south side. He served one term as Prothonotary of Lancaster county, and was for a number of years an Alderman of the city. He was an active member of the Union Fire Company and other organizations. He was a highly honored and respected citizen, esteemed for his many fine traits of character, and for his energetic performance of every duty.

He was made a Mason in Philanthropic Lodge No. 104 (Warrant vacated for delinquency, 1837) from which he withdrew for the purpose of joining Lodge No. 43, into which he was admitted a member on November 8, 1826. He at once manifested an active interest in the affairs of the Lodge, and became one of its most useful members, filling at some time all the different offices of the Lodge. He was elected Junior Warden, December, 1827, Senior Warden in December, 1828, and Treasurer in December, 1829. He served as Treasurer until 1831. In 1834 he was elected Secretary, and served in this office until December, 1837, when he was elected Worshipful Master, which position he filled one year. In December, 1839, he was again elected Treasurer, and served for one year. His name is inscribed on the roll of honor, as one of the little band who upheld the Lodge during the anti-Masonic excitement.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

JACOB ALBRIGHT

[W. M., 1838 to 1840]

Jacob Albright was born June 26, 1791, in Lancaster. He taught school for some time in the old Lancaster Academy on North Queen

Street, between Lemon and James Streets, was a printer by trade, was for some years engaged in the forwarding and commission business, and was Mayor of the City of Lancaster in the year 1855. He was an officer and member of the Moravian church. He was a man of quiet and retiring disposition, very amiable and agreeable in his manners, and was highly respected as a citizen. He died March 18, 1856.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on March 14, 1821, was elected Junior Warden in December, 1823, and Worshipful Master on December 12, 1838, and served in that position two years. He was appointed in 1852, by R. W. Grand Master Anthony Bournonville, M.D., District Deputy Grand Master for the Lancaster District, in which position he served with distinction for the period of two years.

Bro. Albright was a man of excellent judgment, and in matters of principle possessed an iron will. The possession of these qualities of mind preëminently fitted him for the office of Worshipful Master at the time he was chosen, and his administration ended with a marked improvement in the discipline of the Lodge. He gave liberally of his time and means for the advancement of the fraternity and the prosperity of the Lodge.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

EMANUEL SCHAEFFER

[W. M., 1840 to 1841]

Emanuel Schaeffer was born February 27, 1793, and received a common school education. At the age of fifteen years he was apprenticed to learn the saddling and harness-making business; after the expiration of his apprenticeship he worked at his trade as journeyman, and when he had accumulated one hundred dollars commenced business on his own account in this city. By strict attention to business and untiring perseverance, he succeeded in amassing a considerable fortune.

He served as Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of this county for nine years, from 1841 to 1850. He was President of the Lancaster Savings Institution. For thirteen years he was President of the City Councils. He also filled various other offices of trust and responsibility, discharging the various duties thereof in such manner as to reflect credit on himself and give entire satisfaction to the public. He was a man of the strictest honor and integrity. He died at Newberg, Cumberland county, in 1864, in the 72d year of his age.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, December 13, 1815, was elected Junior Warden December, 1821, was elected Treasurer in 1824, and served four years. He was elected Senior Warden in 1834, and Worshipful Master in 1840. He was a second time elected Treasurer in 1845, and served one year. He was elected an honorary member of the Lodge, August 9, 1843.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

JOSEPH MOSHER

[W. M., 1841 to 1842]

Colonel Joseph Mosher was a son of Bro. P. M. Gen. Jeremiah Mosher. He learned the trade of blacksmith with his father. He was a Supervisor of the Pennsylvania Railroad while it was under State control. He resided, for a number of years, on the Harrisburg pike just outside of the city. He was a very fine-looking man, and of very sociable and agreeable manners.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, May 13, 1812. He was elected Senior Warden in 1840, and Worshipful Master in 1841. He was elected Secretary of the Lodge in 1845, and filled the office two years. He withdrew from the Lodge in 1848.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, from which he also withdrew in 1848.

GEORGE B. KERFOOT

[W. M., 1842 to 1844]

George B. Kerfoot, M.D., was born in the city of Dublin, Ireland, June 27, 1808. He emigrated to America when eleven years of age; studied medicine with Dr. Samuel Humes; graduated at the Jefferson Medical College in 1830, and practiced his profession in Lancaster, rising rapidly to eminence and distinction. He opened an anatomical school for medical students, delivering lectures on anatomy. He was for several years an active member of the School Board and City Councils. He was a frequent contributor to the Lancaster papers, and wrote some poems of great merit. He, on several occasions, delivered public lectures on the Eye and Brain, and was frequently summoned as a witness in medical cases before the courts of Baltimore, Harrisburg, and elsewhere. He died in 1851, in the 44th year of his age.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, March 14, 1838; was elected Junior Warden December, 1840, Senior Warden December, 1841, and Worshipful Master in December, 1842, serving in the latter office until December 27, 1844.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for this Masonic District in 1848, and served as such up to the time of his death in 1851. He was buried with Masonic ceremonies in Woodward Hill Cemetery, and a monument was erected by the Lodge over his grave.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

J. HENRY BROWN

[W. M., 1844 to 1845]

J. Henry Brown was born in Lancaster, August 21, 1818. He was a clerk in the Recorder's Office under Recorder Jacob Peelor. In 1836 he commenced the study of painting under Mr. Arthur Armstrong. In

1839 he commenced business for himself, in the same line as followed by Mr. Armstrong, viz.: Portrait, historical and landscape, sign and fancy painting, to which he also added miniature painting on ivory. He followed the business as above until 1844, when he discontinued all other kinds of painting except miniature painting on ivory. In the fall of 1845 he removed to Philadelphia, where he died April 3, 1891.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, December 11, 1839. In December, 1840, he was elected Secretary, in which office he served until March, 1843, when he resigned the office. In December, 1843, he was elected Senior Warden, and in December, 1844, Worshipful Master. He withdrew from the Lodge September 12, 1849, and was admitted a member of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, in 1854, of which he had been a life member for a long time.

JAMES REGAN

[W. M., 1845 to 1846]

James Regan was an Englishman and a gentleman of culture and education. He was a school teacher by occupation and taught the High School, in Franklin College building on Lime Street, between Orange and Chestnut Streets.

In 1846, while Worshipful Master of the Lodge, he received information that a fortune and Baronetcy awaited him in England. He consequently withdrew from the Lodge, resigned his school, and embarked for his native country. He was much esteemed as a teacher, and his scholars made him elegant presents in parting with him. His services to the Lodge had been so markedly useful that the members passed highly complimentary resolutions. (See History, p. 164.)

On arriving in England he was met with disappointment, as he received neither the fortune nor the Baronetcy. He returned to America, and on the voyage was shipwrecked, losing all his possessions. Upon receiving notice of his distress, the Lodge forwarded him means to return to Lancaster, where he was assisted and enabled to embark for the West to a new field of enterprise.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, October 11, 1843, was elected Senior Warden, December, 1844, and was elected Worshipful Master, December, 1845. He withdrew from the Lodge, June 10, 1846. While connected with the Lodge he was one of its most useful members.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

CHARLES EORDON WENTZ

[W. M., 1847 to 1849]

Charles E. Wentz was born in Lancaster, Pa., April 6, 1820. He received his education at the Lititz Academy. In 1834 he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Philadelphia. In 1845 he opened business in Lancaster, and the dry goods firm of Wentz & Bros. was for

many years one of the largest and best known in Lancaster county. His place of business was on East King St., south side, a few doors east of Penn Square. He was for a number of years a member of the Lancaster School Board, and was City Treasurer from 1866 to 1869. He was latterly engaged in the Mercantile Agency and Insurance business, and was appointed by Gov. Pattison a Notary Public. He died September 1, 1885.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, December 9, 1846, and was elected Worshipful Master in December, 1847. He was reëlected Worshipful Master in December, 1848.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

JUNIUS B. KAUFMAN

[W. M., 1849 to 1851]

Junius B. Kaufman, Esq., was born in Lancaster, February 2, 1822. He was educated at private schools of Lancaster and at the Lancaster Academy. At the age of seventeen he was apprenticed to learn the profession of printer, but his health failing, in one year his indentures were cancelled and he commenced reading law in the office of the late Emanuel C. Reigart, Esq. He was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in March, 1843. In 1852, on account of bad health, he went to Florida. His health improving, he returned to Lancaster in June, 1853, and in July of the same year embarked for London in company with Bro. P. M. James Buchanan, who was then minister to the court of St. James. He traveled in England, France, Italy and Sicily, and after a year's absence, returned to his home, his health fully restored, and resumed the practice of his profession.

He was elected to Select Council in 1858, from which he resigned in January, 1861, to accept the office of Notary Public, to which he was appointed by Governor Packer.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on March 10, 1847, was elected Junior Warden in December of the same year, Senior Warden in December, 1848, and Worshipful Master in December, 1849. He was reëlected Master in 1850, and at the expiration of his term of office in 1851, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for this district, to succeed Bro. Robert Moderwell, deceased. He served in this office for one year. He withdrew from the Lodge in 1893.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a member of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., and a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

JOHN JACOB KELLER

[W. M., 1851 to 1852]

John Jacob Keller was born at "Lititz Mills," Lancaster county, Pa., on October 12, 1817. Was educated at Lititz schools. Employed

in his father's mill until 1840. In 1849 he was appointed collector of tolls for the Pennsylvania Railroad, then under State control. In 1853 he was appointed inspector of customs at the Custom House, Philadelphia. In 1854 he moved from Philadelphia to Columbia Furnace, Shenandoah county, Virginia, and, in partnership with Samuel B. Myers, purchased the charcoal iron works of that place. In 1856 he withdrew from the firm and purchased the Capon Iron Works, in Hardy county, West Virginia.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on April 12, 1848, was elected Secretary in December, 1849, served one year, was elected Junior Warden in 1850, and Worshipful Master in December, 1851. He withdrew from the Lodge March 14, 1877.

Bro. Keller was Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

CHARLES MILLER HOWELL

[W. M., 1852 to 1853; 1854 to 1855]

Charles Miller Howell was born in Philadelphia, April 24, 1814. He attended private school until his twelfth year, when he was sent to an Academy in Plainfield, Connecticut. Upon his return to his home, he was apprenticed at the marble trade, under General Peter Fritz, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, under whom he served until twenty-one years of age, and with whom he afterwards worked as journeyman for several years. In 1838, he entered into the trade upon his own account, at the S. E. corner of Ridge Avenue and Pleasant Street, and subsequently in Fourth, above Race Street. In 1843, he removed to Lancaster, and in September of the same year, he re-commenced the marble business on East King Street. In 1846 he removed his business to North Queen Street, between Orange and Chestnut Streets. In 1856, he was elected County Treasurer. He served for a number of years in City Councils, in both the Common and Select branches. Also filled the position of School Director. In 1872, he was appointed by the Mayor as Chief Engineer of the Lancaster Fire Department, and was afterwards elected to the same office by the firemen themselves. He was an active member of the Empire Hook and Ladder Fire Company from its institution, and was elected President of the Company in 1858, and was continuously chosen to that office until the company disbanded in the year 1884.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He was elected a Trustee of the Church in 1844, and Treasurer of the Church in 1874, which positions he held for many years.

He was one of the originators of the "Home for Friendless Children" for the City and County of Lancaster, in the year 1860, and had been a member of the Board of Trustees and Secretary of the Home from 1876 until his death.

He was made a Mason in Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155, of Philadelphia, Pa., on December 24, 1839, and withdrew from that Lodge in December, 1843. On his arrival in Lancaster in 1843, he immediately

became a regular visitor to Lodge No. 43, assisting in the labors of the Lodge and filling various vacant offices. He was admitted a member of Lodge No. 43, June 14, 1848, and during this year he acted as Senior Warden pro tem., and twice as Secretary pro tem., and at the December meeting was elected Junior Warden. In 1849 he was elected Senior Warden, and in 1852, Worshipful Master, serving one year. In 1854 he was again elected Worshipful Master and served as such until December, 1855.

On December 27, 1856, he was appointed by R. W. Grand Master Peter Williamson, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master for this Masonic District, and was continuously re-appointed for twenty years, when he declined a re-appointment.

On the establishment of the Representative System in the Grand Lodge, in 1867, he was chosen by Lodge No. 43 as its Representative, which office he filled until 1875. He was Chairman of the Charity and Grievance Committee of the Lodge for many years. During his entire membership he has been one of the most active and useful members of the Lodge.

He was a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1856, and filled that office for about twenty years.

He was a Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. and S. M., and was District Deputy Most Puissant Grand Master for several years. He was a member of the Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection 14°, Harrisburg Council Princes of Jerusalem 16°, Harrisburg Chapter Rose Croix 18°, and of Harrisburg Consistory 32°, A. A. S. R.

He was one of the charter members of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., was its first Eminent Commander, and was continuously reëlected to the same office for eight years. He was appointed Division Commander of this Templar District in 1875, and served for several years. He was afterwards again appointed to the same office, and served until 1884, at which time the office was discontinued.

He served in several appointed offices in the Grand Commandery; was Grand Prelate in 1865, was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1866, Senior Grand Warden in 1867, Grand Captain General in 1868, Grand Generalissimo in 1869, Deputy Grand Commander in 1870, and Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1871, which office he filled one year.

In honor of his valuable Masonic services, the following Masonic bodies have been given his name: "Howell Lodge No. 405," at Honey Brook, Chester county, Pa.; "Charles M. Howell Lodge No. 496," at Millersville, Lancaster county, Pa.; "Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 202," at West Chester, Pa., and "Howell R. A. Chapter, No. 199," at York, Pa.

In testimony of the appreciation of his services by his Masonic brethren, in different parts of the State, he has been the recipient of testimonials and many elegant and costly presents from individuals, lodges and chapters.

He received the fifty-year jewel of Lodge No. 43 in 1898. He died April 10, 1903, and was buried with Masonic honors.

CHARLES W. COOPER

[W. M., 1853 to 1854]

Charles W. Cooper was born in Lancaster, Pa., February 3, 1823. He received his education in the common schools and Franklin Academy in Lancaster. He was first employed in Henry Carson's dry goods store. In 1838 he went to Philadelphia and was employed as clerk in the wholesale dry goods business until 1847, when he returned to Lancaster and became bookkeeper and afterwards Treasurer of the cotton mills, which position he resigned and went to Europe in 1857. On his return from his European tour he was employed in J. & P. Long's dry goods store on North Queen Street. In 1860 he went to Pittsburgh and became employed with the house of Hostetter & Smith, in which business he was engaged for many years.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, February 11, 1852, and was elected Junior Warden in December of the same year. He was elected Worshipful Master in December, 1853, and at the expiration of his year of service, December, 1854, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for this Masonic District, which office he filled for one year. He withdrew from the Lodge July 9, 1856.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

JOHN McCALLA

[W. M., 1855 to 1856]

John McCalla, D.D.S., was born in the Province of Ulster, Ireland, November 21, 1814. In 1821 he emigrated with his parents to the United States and settled in Philadelphia. He received a common school education, which was supplemented by a desire for study, and the opportunities of which he availed himself while engaged in the book store of the late Asheton Claxton. He afterwards learned, and for a time was engaged in a mechanical pursuit, which he afterwards abandoned by reason of its proving uncongenial to his tastes and feelings. In 1846 he began the study of dentistry under the renowned Chapin A. Harris, M.D., D.D.S. He attended lectures at the Baltimore Dental College, at that time the only Dental College in the world, and graduated with honors in 1848. He practiced his profession in Philadelphia for a short time, but in the latter part of the year he removed to Lancaster. He rapidly acquired a large and lucrative practice and assumed a leading position in his profession both as an operator and writer. He was one of the petitioners to obtain a charter for the first Dental College established in Pennsylvania, and subsequently contributed largely to the formation of the second college. He was elected first Vice-President of the Odontographic Society, at its formation in Philadelphia. He was

one of the founders of the Harris Dental Association of Lancaster, and its first President. He was the first to suggest the founding of a State Dental Society, and at the second annual meeting of this body, held in the city of Pittsburgh, he was elected its President. He served for some time as a member of the Lancaster School Board. In 1887, owing to failing health, he relinquished the practice of his profession, and removed to the neighboring town of Millersville, where he died July 28, 1887.

Past Master McCalla was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 March 14, 1849. He was elected Junior Warden in 1854, and Worshipful Master in 1855. For a number of years he was elected and served as a Trustee of the Lodge.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

JOHN JACOB SPRENGER

[W. M., 1856 to 1857]

JOHN J. SPRENGER was born at Reading, Pa., January 1, 1825. He came to Lancaster with his parents in 1836, attended the public schools, learned the trade of brewing in Lancaster, and afterwards learned cigar making in Philadelphia. He carried on the bottling business in Hollidaysburg, Blair county, and afterwards in Lancaster. He next engaged, in partnership with J. M. Westhaeffer, in the book and stationery business. In 1857 he visited and traversed a large portion of Europe. In 1859 he was appointed Consul at Dresden, and was afterwards transferred to Venice where he remained until 1862. On his return to America he purchased his father's brewery, at the corner of Walnut and Water Streets, this city, and conducted the business for some years. He made an extended trip across the continent, and in 1871 made his third trip to Europe, passing through England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Spain. Previous to making this last trip he lectured in many places on "Steaming Across the Continent," and after his return from Europe, he lectured on "Reminiscences of a Tour through Spain and Portugal." He next engaged in the printing business, and published a morning daily and a weekly newspaper. He then made his fourth trip to Europe, and on his return settled in Georgia, and again engaged in the bottling business; first in Rome and afterwards in Atlanta, Ga., where he died December 2, 1902.

Bro. Sprenger was a self-made man of considerable intellectual ability, highly entertaining as a writer and lecturer, and had gained considerable reputation as an American traveler.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 September 14, 1853, was elected Senior Warden in 1855, and Worshipful Master in 1856.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, was a member of Goodwin Council No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T.

ELAM D. HURST

[W. M., 1857 to 1858]

Elam D. Hurst was born in Paradise, Lancaster county, Pa., November 14, 1828. He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster. He learned the trade of iron moulding, at which he worked seven years. For many years he had been employed as overseer of the spinning department of Conestogo steam cotton mill No. 2. He received the fifty-year jewel of Lodge No. 43 in 1901. He died in this city May 16, 1903.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 November 12, 1851. He was elected Junior Warden in December, 1853, Senior Warden in 1854, and Worshipful Master in 1857.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and a Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T.

HENRY BAUMGARDNER

[W. M., 1858 to 1859; 1864 to 1865]

Henry Baumgardner was born at York, Pa., February 9, 1821. He received his education in the common schools and at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa. He came to Lancaster on September 30, 1839, and engaged in the mercantile trade, which he followed until the year 1850, when he became engaged in the coal trade, the firms with which he had been connected conducting a very extensive business. In the year 1866 he organized the firm of Baumgardner, Woodward & Co., manufacturers of cordage at Beverly, New Jersey, with an office in Philadelphia, doing a very extensive business. He was one of the organizers of the "Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel Company," and was President of the Company. He had been identified with nearly all the enterprises of the city during his residence therein. He was for several years a member of Common Councils of Lancaster, and also of the Lancaster City School Board. In 1874, he, in company with nine other gentlemen, took a trip across the continent, and on his return home he delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture in the Lancaster Court House, entitled "A Trans-Continental Trip to the Occident," in which he portrayed, to a very large and appreciative audience, the beauties and wonder of our great country.

Bro. Baumgardner was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on February 11, 1852. He was elected Senior Warden in 1857, and Worshipful Master in December, 1858, serving one year. He was again elected Worshipful Master in December, 1864, and at the expiration of his term of service in December, 1865, was elected Treasurer, which office he filled until May 11, 1870, when he resigned his office and withdrew from the Lodge to assist in the formation of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476. He was elected the first Treasurer of that Lodge, and filled the office about ten years.

In December, 1875, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master

for this Masonic District, which office he filled until December, 1880, when he declined re-appointment.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and for a number of years had been a member of its Board of Trustees. He was a member of Goodwin Council No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, and was a Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T.

JOHN L. ATLEE, Jr.

[W. M., 1859 to 1860]

John L. Atlee, Jr., M.D., was born in Lancaster, Pa., June 21, 1830. He received his education at the Franklin Academy, this city, and at Yale College, from which latter institution he graduated in 1849. He studied medicine with the eminent physician and surgeon, his father, Dr. John L. Atlee, Sr. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1853. Since which time he had practiced his profession in Lancaster. He was attending physician for many years of the Lancaster County Almshouse and Hospital and during the War of the Rebellion was United States Examining Surgeon of Volunteers and drafted men of Lancaster county, under Provost Marshal Thaddeus Stevens, Jr. He died July 18, 1885.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on December 12, 1855, was elected Junior Warden in December, 1856, and reëlected in 1857; was elected Senior Warden in 1858, and Worshipful Master in 1859.

He was also a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

GEORGE M. KLINE

[W. M., 1860 to 1861]

George M. Kline was born in Lancaster, Pa., October 20, 1819. Educated in Lancaster, upon leaving school he was engaged for several years in the store of his uncles, Kline & McClure. He then entered the law office of the late Reah Frazer, Esq., and was admitted to practice in the different courts of Lancaster county in 1842. During the administration of Governor Shunk he was appointed to prosecute the pleas in the Mayor's Court. He had held no other public positions, confining himself to the practice of his profession, in which he was regarded as one of the leaders at the bar.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on March 11, 1857, was elected Junior Warden in 1858, Senior Warden in 1859, and Worshipful Master in 1860. He withdrew from the Lodge in 1894.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS ATLEE

[W. M., 1861 to 1862]

William Augustus Atlee, Esq., was born in Lancaster, Pa., January 9, 1832, his father, Dr. John L. Atlee, being one of the ablest and most widely known physicians and surgeons this State has produced. He received his preliminary education in the schools of this city, and at the age of fifteen years entered Yale College, from which institution he graduated with honors in the class of 1851. He studied law in the office of his uncle, the Hon. Thomas E. Franklin, LL.D., and was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in 1854. In 1856 he was chairman of the Republican county committee. In 1865 he was elected District Attorney for Lancaster county. In 1869 he was elected Mayor of the city of Lancaster, serving with distinction and ability for the term of two years. He entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in 1861, in the 1st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was afterwards captain of Company A, 12th Regiment, and subsequently captain of Company F, 59th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was an active practitioner at the Lancaster Bar up to the time of his death, which occurred in this city, February 24, 1900.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, March 12, 1856, was elected Junior Warden in December, 1859, Senior Warden in December, 1860, and Worshipful Master in December, 1861.

He had for a number of years been a member of the Grievance Committee of the Lodge and was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

HENRY CARPENTER

[W. M., 1862 to 1863]

Henry Carpenter, M.D., was born in Lancaster, Pa., December 10, 1819. Received his early education in the public schools of this city and in the Lancaster County Academy. He studied medicine under Dr. Samuel Humes, and attended lectures in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he graduated in 1841, and immediately commenced the practice of his profession in his native city. In 1844, he aided in the organization of the Lancaster County Medical Society, and was elected its first Secretary. In 1855, he was elected President of the same Society. He had also filled the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and Censor of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. For a number of years he was a member of the School Board and City Councils, in the latter of which he served many years as President of the Select branch, and also for some time as President of the Common branch. He had also filled many other positions, as director, etc., in gas, insurance, railroad companies, etc. He was actively engaged in the practice of his profession until his death, which occurred in this city, July 9, 1887, and was buried with Masonic honors.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 May 14, 1856; was elected

Junior Warden, December, 1860; was elected Senior Warden, December, 1861, and Worshipful Master in December, 1862.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., a member of Goodwin Council No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

FREDERICK S. ALBRIGHT

[W. M., 1863 to 1864]

Frederick S. Albright was born in Maytown, East Donegal township, Lancaster county, May 16, 1816. He received a common school education. He learned milling in Jacob Graybill's mill in East Donegal township, with Joseph Saugery. He followed milling in Cumberland county three years, then in Highspire, Dauphin county, one year, at Schock's mill, East Donegal township, three years, and at Hiestand and Hostetter's mill in Rapho township, four years. He moved to Lancaster in 1855, and was engaged in the coal and lumber business four years. He served seven or eight years as tax collector of Lancaster City, and three years as Deputy Register under Register Jeremiah Rohrer.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on February 11, 1857, was elected Junior Warden in 1861, Senior Warden in 1862, and Worshipful Master in 1863. He withdrew from the Lodge January 12, 1870, and afterwards became a member of Skerrett Lodge No. 343, at Cochranville, Pa.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43.

WILLIAM E. HEINITSH

[W. M., 1865 to 1866]

William E. Heinitsh was a son of Mr. John F. Heinitsh. He was born at Lancaster, Pa., August 10, 1827. He was educated at the Lititz Academy. He was engaged in the wholesale notion business on East King Street, corner of Christian Street. Later he was engaged in the sale of paints, picture frames and musical merchandise on Orange Street, east of North Queen Street. He was possessed of excellent musical talent, and took an active part in the musical organizations of his day in Lancaster. He was for a number of years leader of the choir of St. Mary's Catholic church, and afterwards and up to the time of his death, was the leader of the choir of Trinity Lutheran church. He died November 24, 1867, and was buried with Masonic ceremonies in Woodward Hill Cemetery.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 September 30, 1857, was elected Junior Warden in 1863, Senior Warden in 1864, and Worshipful Master in 1865.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and a member of the Chapter to the date of his death.

WILLIAM A. MORTON

[W. M., 1866 to 1867]

William A. Morton was born in Lancaster, Pa., October 12, 1830. He was educated in the common schools and at Franklin College. He was apprenticed to G. W. Hammersly to learn printing. In 1853 he was letter carrier under Postmaster Reigart, he being the only letter carrier the city possessed at that time. He filled the position 3½ years, and was afterwards Clerk in the Post Office 4½ years under Postmaster Swarr. In July, 1864, he became a member of the firm of Cooper, Sanderson & Co., who became the proprietors and publishers of the Lancaster *Intelligencer*. In 1867, he severed his connection with the *Intelligencer*, and was employed in the store of Deaner & Co., where he remained about five years, when he retired to his father's farm for one or two years. In 1876, he was employed as bookkeeper of the *Intelligencer* office, which position he held for many years. He was a member of Common Council two years, a member of Select Council six years, and Mayor of Lancaster City from 1886–1888, was Jury Commissioner, and a member of the Lancaster School Board from 1866 to 1884. He died in this city February 22, 1892.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 March 8, 1854, was elected Junior Warden in 1865, and Worshipful Master in 1866. He withdrew from Lodge No. 43, May 11, 1870, and assisted in the formation of Lamberton Lodge No. 476, in which Lodge he was also elected and served as Worshipful Master.

In 1882, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Lancaster District, which office he held until 1886.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., and Past T. P. G. M. of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

SAMUEL H. REYNOLDS

[W. M., 1867 to 1868]

Samuel H. Reynolds, Esq., was born in Columbia county, Pa., November 20, 1831. He was educated at Dickinson College, from which he graduated in 1850. He pursued his legal studies in Centre county, under the direction of the Hon. James T. Hale, and was admitted to the bar in the autumn of 1854. The succeeding year he spent in a prospecting tour of the West. Returning to Pennsylvania, he subsequently removed to Lancaster, where he opened an office and commenced the practice of his profession, rapidly acquiring a large and lucrative business, and soon became one of the leaders of his profession. He was elected City Solicitor in 1857, was appointed Notary Public by Governor Packer, was a member of the School Board for nine years. He was a delegate to several State Democratic Conventions, and was a member of the "Peace Convention" at Harrisburg, at the breaking out of the Rebellion. In

1868, he was the Democratic nominee for Congress against the late Thaddeus Stevens, and was at one time a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, in both of which contests he received a flattering vote. In 1872, he was chosen by the Democratic Convention as Delegate at Large to the Constitutional Convention. He was a member of the banking house of Evans, McEvoy & Co., and later was President of the Peoples National Bank of this city until his death. He was actively engaged in the practice of his profession to the end of his life, which occurred September 10, 1889. He was an honorable, eloquent and distinguished lawyer and citizen, an ornament to society, and as an active participant in public affairs he was brave, learned and faithful.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on March 12, 1856, was elected Senior Warden in 1866, and Worshipful Master in 1867.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., and of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

DAVID N. RUSSELL

[W. M., 1868 to 1869]

David N. Russell was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parents, June 1, 1830. At the age of seven years he came to this country with his parents and they settled in Philadelphia, where he attended the public schools and served an apprenticeship at the machine business. He came to Lancaster at the time the locomotive works were first started in 1853 or 1854, and remained in the employ of the company and of their successors, the Norrises, until after the breaking out of the Rebellion, when he went to Washington, at the request of Captain (afterwards Rear-Admiral) Dahlgren, and was employed three years at the navy-yard on ordnance.

After the war he removed to Lititz, Lancaster county, and for three years was engaged in the liquor business.

For a number of years he had been employed as fireman and machinist in the Washington, D. C., navy-yard. He died April 20, 1902.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 July 11, 1855, was elected Junior Warden in 1867, and Worshipful Master in 1868.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. and S. M., and of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T.

ADAM Z. RINGWALT

[W. M., 1869 to 1870]

Adam Z. Ringwalt was born in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, January 2, 1828. He received his education in the public schools. In early life he worked upon the farm. He was for a time in mercantile business in Waynesburg, Chester county, then apprenticed at tailoring in New Holland; in a short time he obtained his release and became engaged in Eaby & Lightner's mercantile and forwarding

store in Concord. He remained with this firm until they discontinued business, then was employed in Amos Diller's store in New Holland for four years, then in the mercantile business in New Milltown, in partnership with T. J. Ringwalt. One year later he sold out to his partner and opened business in New Holland. In 1858 he came to Lancaster and engaged in the grocery business on East King Street above Duke Street, afterwards in Centre Square, where he added wholesale liquors to his business. Later engaged in the same business on West King Street, west of Water Street. In 1879 he was elected Jury Commissioner and served three years. He was twice elected and served as a member of Common Councils, and twice a member of the Lancaster School Board. He died in this city in October 5, 1889.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, May 16, 1864, was elected Senior Warden in 1868, and Worshipful Master in 1869.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and served in the office of Scribe. He was also a member of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., and a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and filled the office of Principal Conductor of the Work.

GEORGE K. REED

[W. M., 1870 to 1871]

George K. Reed was born in Lancaster, Pa., December 22, 1826. He attended the public schools of this city until the age of eighteen years, when he obtained employment in C. Hager's dry goods and grocery store as errand boy, from which position he gradually rose to that of chief bookkeeper of the establishment. In 1847 he became the bookkeeper for the County Treasurer. While thus employed, he manufactured, during his spare hours, shoe-blacking, and also trafficked in lime and roofing slate for the Peach Bottom slate quarries. In 1849, he started a private banking-house, there being at that time no institution of that nature in the city or county. In January, 1850, he opened his establishment under the name of J. F. Shroder & Company. This venture proved perfectly successful until 1857, when, owing to depression, due to a great financial crisis, the business no longer proving remunerative, was discontinued. In 1858, he formed a new partnership under the name of Reed, McGrann & Co., which did a large and prosperous business until 1891, when it was consolidated with the Conestoga National Bank, and of which he was an active officer during the remainder of his life. He had served as City Councilman, being at one time President of the Common Council. He was for a number of years Manager and Treasurer of the Lancaster Gas Company, one of the Directors of the National Railroad Company, and had also filled many other positions of trust and honor in various associations and corporations with which he had been connected, as director, treasurer, or trustee. He died in this city May 16, 1897.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, February 10, 1864, was elected Junior Warden in 1868, Senior Warden in 1869, and Worshipful Master in 1870.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and a member of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

WILLIAM A. WILSON

[W. M., 1871 to 1872]

Wm. A. Wilson, Esq., was born at Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, Pa., on December 27, 1839. He was educated in the public schools and at the State Normal School at Millersville. He read law in the office of George M. Kline, Esq., and was admitted to practice at the Lancaster bar in 1865. He spent two years in the Southern States, and in 1867 returned to Lancaster and commenced the practice of his profession, and continued to be actively so engaged to the time of his death.

He was for four or five years a member of the Lancaster School Board, and for about the same period a member of Common Councils. In 1879 he took a trip across the Continent, and in 1881 he made an extended tour of Europe. His death occurred in this city February, 1887, and he was buried with Masonic honors in Lancaster Cemetery.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, September 14, 1865, and, by dispensation, took his three degrees that same evening. He was elected Junior Warden in December, 1869, Senior Warden in 1870, and Worshipful Master in 1871. He had for twelve years been a member of the Grievance Committee of the Lodge.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., a member of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., and a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

JEREMIAH ROHRER

[W. M., 1872 to 1873]

Jeremiah Rohrer was born at Lebanon, Pa., May 29, 1827. At the age of four years, his father moved to Middletown, Pa., the birthplace of his mother. After receiving a common school education, he learned the carpenter trade at Middletown, afterwards following this trade for some years, and from 1852 to 1857 being a partner in the door and sash factory known as Rohrer & Shott. In 1859–60 he served as Burgess of Middletown. In March, 1864, he moved to Lancaster, and entered into the wholesale wine and liquor business, which he continued to the end of his life.

He served nine months in the War of the Rebellion as Major of the 127th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was Prison Inspector for three years, and in 1872 was elected Register of Wills, which office he filled for three years. He also served in the Common Council of the City in 1887–88, being a member of the special Water Committee to construct the new water works, and afterwards elected one of the Com-

missioners to administer the water department, which position he occupied until the Commission was abolished. He served in the Select Council in 1889–91. For nineteen years he had been a Trustee of the Home for Friendless Children and served as its President at the time of his death. In January, 1906, Governor Pennypacker appointed him a member of the Thaddeus Stevens Industrial School Building Commission, on which he served until March 11, 1908, when he resigned. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Stevens Orphans Home from May, 1899, until May, 1908, when he resigned on account of advancing years.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 November 21, 1867, was elected Junior Warden in 1870, Senior Warden in 1871, and Worshipful Master in 1872. He was a member and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Lodge for twenty-two years, and was the chief instrument in the various improvements of the Lodge property while he held this important office.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., a Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., and a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

In June, 1881, he raised his son, Jacob B. Rohrer, to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in April, 1885, he conferred the same degree upon his son Past Master George R. Rohrer, in 1887 upon the third son Grant Rohrer, and in 1890 upon the fourth son Howard Rohrer, and this is the only instance in the history of the Lodge, of a father conferring the degrees upon four sons, and it is doubtful if this record is rivaled by any Lodge in the State.

He died October 10, 1910, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

B. FRANK BRENEMAN

[W. M., 1873 to 1874]

B. Frank Breneman was born at Camargo, Lancaster county, Pa., November 21, 1837. He received his education at the old Strasburg Academy, at that time one of the most flourishing institutions in the State. At an early age he began business in the city of Lancaster, but, after a few years, removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he built up a large business in wholesale paper. In 1868, he returned to Lancaster, on account of failing health, and became a member of the firm of Flinn & Breneman, Plumbing and Heating. In 1880, he disposed of his interest in the firm and devoted a year to foreign travel; and, on his return to this country, spent considerable time in New York and Philadelphia, until 1883, when he again became a member of the old firm by purchasing his former interest, and continued in this business to the time of his death.

He had always taken a lively interest in, and been actively identified with, every enterprise that could add to the development of his native city. The Lancaster manufactories; the Stevens House; the Quarryville

Railroad, of which he was a Director; the Lancaster, now Hamilton, Watch Company, of which he was for a time President; all received a liberal amount of his time, attention and means.

He, for several years, took an active interest in the National Guard of our State, and served as Major and Ordnance Officer on General Reeder's staff.

In his later years he traveled extensively, and was a well informed genial gentleman. He died in this city December 31, 1905, and was buried with Masonic honors from his late home, corner of Orange and Lime Streets.

Bro. Breneman was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on May 12, 1869. He was elected Junior Warden in 1871, Senior Warden in 1872, and Worshipful Master in December, 1873.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of this Masonic District in December, 1880, and filled the office until December, 1882. He was representative to the Grand Lodge from Lodge No. 43, which position he had filled for many years.

He was also a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., a Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and Past T. P. G. M. of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

He served as Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania from 1788 to 1882, and on June 12, 1882, was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

During his administration as Grand Commander occurred on October 26, 1882, the Grand Templar display in connection with the bi-centennial celebration of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

JOHN B. WARFEL

[W. M., 1874 to 1875]

John B. Warfel was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Pa., September 19, 1830. In early life he worked at the blacksmith trade. At twenty years of age he entered Lewisburg University, where he remained two years; then taught school until 1854, when he commenced farming. He also carried on surveying and conveyancing. In 1855, he was elected a Justice of the Peace for Paradise township, and reëlected in 1860. He served for several years as District Superintendent of Public Schools. In 1863, he was appointed a Clerk in the Pension Office at Washington, D. C. In 1865, he entered Columbia College as a law student, and graduated in 1867, when he was admitted to practice at the Lancaster Bar. In April, 1867, he was appointed Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Ninth Pennsylvania District (Lancaster county) and served until May 1, 1869. In 1869, he was elected State Senator from Lancaster county, reëlected in 1872, and again in 1875. In 1876, he was chosen one of the Republican Electors for Pennsylvania. He served for many years as a member and President of the Lancaster City School Board, President of the Lancaster County Society for the Pre-

vention of Cruelty to Animals, and was President of the Howard Association for a number of years. He was a member and President of the Board of Trustees of the State Normal School at Millersville, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster Cemetery; President of the Henry G. Long Asylum, and President of the Thaddeus Stevens Industrial Institution; he was also a director of the Lancaster County National Bank.

In 1877, in connection with Mr. J. M. W. Geist, he commenced the publication of *The New Era* of Lancaster, a daily and weekly newspaper, in which business he was engaged until 1897, when he sold his interests to The New Era Printing Company, retired from the active business and devoted the remaining years to the duties of the offices of honor and trust which he occupied. He died in this city April 18, 1908, and was buried with Masonic honors in Lancaster Cemetery.

He was made a Mason in Dawson Lodge No. 16, Washington, D. C., from which he demitted and was admitted a member of Lodge No. 43, July 8, 1868. He was elected Senior Warden in 1873, and Worshipful Master in 1874. He was for a number of years annually elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lodge.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, of Goodwin Council No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and a member of the Board of Trustees of this latter body. He was also a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

GEORGE R. WELCHANS

[W. M., 1875 to 1876]

George R. Welchans, M.D., was born in the city of Lancaster, Pa., January 3, 1845, attended the public schools, and graduated at the High School in 1861. In September of the same year he went to Philadelphia, served an apprenticeship at the drug and prescription business, and attended the College of Pharmacy. In the spring of 1864, he returned to Lancaster and began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. John L. Atlee. He attended lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated from that institution in 1867. After an extended trip through the Western States, he commenced the practice of his profession in this city. He had also been engaged in the drug business in this city. He had several times been physician to the Lancaster County Hospital and Insane Asylum, surgeon to the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was one of the Board of Medical Examiners of the U. S. Pensioners. He was a member of the County, State, and National Medical Associations, and President and Treasurer of the City and County Medical Society. He was one of the Trustees of the Home for Friendless Children of Lancaster.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on June 20, 1871, was elected Junior Warden in 1873, Senior Warden in 1874, and Worshipful Master in 1875.

He had for many years been chairman of the Charity Committee of the Lodge.

He was the author of the History of Lodge No. 43 of the first one hundred years of its existence, published in 1885.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and served as its Representative to the Grand Chapter. He was a Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of Goodwin Council No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.; also a Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

He was in June, 1885, appointed by Grand Commander Joseph Alexander, Jr., Division Commander of Division No. 12, K. T., comprising the Commanderies of Lancaster and York counties, which position he occupied for a number of years.

He was a member of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°, De Joinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix, 18°; and of Philadelphia Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R. He received the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge in 1921. Died at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, February 27, 1925, and buried in Lancaster Cemetery.

JAMES PYLE WICKERSHAM

[W. M., 1876 to 1877]

James Pyle Wickersham, LL.D., was born in Newlin township, Chester county, Pa., March 5, 1825. He was brought up on his father's farm, laboring and studying alternately until he went to Unionville Academy, where he was, at the age of sixteen, an assistant teacher. He afterwards taught in one of the common schools of the district. In 1845, he became principal of the Marietta Academy, where he remained ten years. He relinquished this position to accept that of Superintendent of Schools in Lancaster county, and, shortly after assuming its duties, he founded the Normal Institute at Millersville, out of which was eventually developed the first State Normal School, and, in fact, the whole Normal School system. In 1856, he became the Principal of this school, which he made one of the most flourishing institutions in the country. He remained there ten years, when he accepted the position of State Superintendent of Common Schools, which position was first tendered him by Governor Curtin in 1866, and to which he was afterwards twice appointed by Governor Greary, and continued by Governors Hartranft and Hoyt until 1881. He had been repeatedly offered similar positions in other States and abroad, also a portfolio as Cabinet Minister by President Sarmiento, of the Argentine Republic, all of which he declined. He was one of the founders of the Lancaster County Teachers' Association, and also of the State and National Associations, of which he had been at various times President. In 1869, he was elected President of the National Superintendents' Association. His papers on the subject of Education have attracted much attention, both at home and abroad.

He was also the author of two books on education, one entitled "School Economy," and the other "Methods of Instruction," which are well known in the United States and in Europe. These works have been

translated into the French, Spanish and Japanese languages. He was also the author of the "History of Education in Pennsylvania," from date of earliest settlements on the Delaware. At the request of Governor Curtin, he prepared the original bill providing for destitute soldiers' and sailors' orphans, and in 1871 the Legislature entrusted to him the entire management of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools. From 1870 to 1881 he edited the *Pennsylvania School Journal*, an important and widely-circulated educational periodical. He was President of the Inquirer Printing and Publishing Company (Wickersham Publishing Co.) since its organization to the time of his death.

In 1863, just before the battle of Gettysburg, he organized the 47th Regiment P. V. M., and marched at its head after the retreating enemy to the Potomac River. The regiment was mustered in for ninety days, and served about half that time.

He was President of the Linnæan Society of Lancaster, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, Trustee of the Polytechnic College of Pennsylvania, Trustee of the National School of Elocution and Oratory at Philadelphia, Director of the Farmers National Bank of Lancaster, Director of the Lancaster Gas Company, Trustee of the Children's Home, Lancaster, and a member of the Lancaster City School Board. In 1882, he was appointed by President Arthur United States Minister to Denmark, and after residing at Copenhagen and filling the office one summer, he was obliged to return home on account of his health.

He had charge of the Pennsylvania Educational exhibit at the Centennial Exhibition in 1876. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by Lafayette College. He died in this city March 25, 1891.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 January 10, 1866, was elected Junior Warden in 1874, Senior Warden in 1875, and Worshipful Master in 1876.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

HENRY P. EICHLER

[W. M., 1877 to 1878]

Henry P. Eichler was born at Lititz, Pa., March 11, 1842. He was educated in the Lititz schools and Academy. He learned the trade of baker, which business he followed in Lancaster, and afterwards in Cincinnati, O. He was also engaged in the wholesale produce business in Philadelphia for some time. For a number of years he had been carrying on the trade of baking in this city. He withdrew from the Lodge June 10, 1885, later reinstated. Died November 17, 1920.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 October 12, 1870, was elected Junior Warden in 1875, Senior Warden in 1876, and Worshipful Master in 1877.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

WILLIAM O. MARSHALL

[W. M., 1878 to 1879]

William O. Marshall was born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 12, 1840. He came to Lancaster with his parents in 1844, was educated in the common schools of Lancaster, and attended Franklin and Marshall College three years.

He learned the trade of printing, which business he followed seven years. For thirty-six years he had been engaged in the boot and shoe business. He was a member of Common Councils for two years, and for thirty-seven years he had been a member of the Lancaster School Board, of which body he had been Treasurer for twenty-one years, and also served as its President.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, November 10, 1864, was elected Junior Warden in 1876, Senior Warden in 1877, and Worshipful Master in 1878. He served as one of the Trustees of the Lodge for 13 years, and was its Representative to the Grand Lodge from 1902 to 1917. He received the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge in 1914. He died May 6, 1924.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a member and P. T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., a member and Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

JOHN HULL

[W. M., 1879 to 1880]

John Hull was born in Lancaster, Pa., March 4, 1835. He received his education in the public schools of Lancaster and at the Lititz Academy. He first worked at stone cutting one year, then served an apprenticeship at cigar-making. In 1866 he opened a retail cigar and tobacco store on West King Street, above Prince Street, which business he conducted for sixteen years. He then disposed of his retail business and began the manufacture and wholesaling of cigars.

He served nine months in Company E, 122d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the War of the Rebellion, and in 1863 was in Company I, 50th Regiment, for the emergency. In 1876 he was elected to Common Councils.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, April 8, 1868, was elected Junior Warden in 1877, Senior Warden in 1878, and Worshipful Master in 1879. He also served as Tyler for some years.

He was a Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., a member of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and a Past T. P. G. M. of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

He died at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, April 15, 1914.

ELIPHALET ORAM LYTE

[W. M., 1880 to 1881]

Eliphalet O. Lyte was born near Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster county, Pa., June 29, 1842. He worked in his father's nursery during his early years, attending the common schools each winter until he enlisted in the army. He served about three years as soldier and officer in the War of the Rebellion, being wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville. After the war, he taught a public school one or two years, and then attended the State Normal School at Millersville, Pa. He graduated at that school in 1868 in the Elementary Course, and later in the Scientific Course, receiving the degree of B.S. in 1876 and two years later the degree of M.S. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Franklin and Marshall College in 1878 and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1887. He had been a member of the Faculty of the Millersville Normal School since 1868, and was Professor of Pedagogics and Grammar in that institution for many years. He was elected Principal of the school in 1887, and had served in this important position until 1910. In addition to his duties as teacher and principal, he had written a series of books on the English language, a history of the State Normal Schools of the United States, published by the U. S. Government, a work on Bookkeeping, seven or eight music books, articles for educational journals, etc., and had for several years delivered a large number of lectures annually, before teachers' institutes and other educational bodies, in this and other States. He was chairman of the committee of awards of the elementary group of the department of education at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904, and chairman of the department of education, and a member of the Superior Jury of Awards of this exposition. He was a life member of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association and of the National Education Association, and president of the State Educational Association in 1891 and of the National Education Association in 1899. He was a member of the National Council of Education, American Academy of Political and Social Science, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, G. A. R., A. of P., Sons of the Revolution, and other bodies. He was a member of the Hamilton Club, Lancaster, for several years, resigning on account of ill health. He was a member of the University Club, Philadelphia, and of the United Service Club (Army and Navy) of the same city. A number of important positions had been offered him since he was principal of the normal school, among them the chancellorship of a university, but he preferred to remain at Millersville, where he saw the "plant" grow in value from $82,346, when Dr. Wickersham resigned from the principalship, to $670,739.03 in August, 1910.

Brother Lyte was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on April 12, 1871. He was elected Junior Warden in December, 1878, Senior Warden in December, 1879, and Worshipful Master in December, 1880.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a member of Goodwin Council No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., a member and Past Com-

mander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Harrisburg Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, and was Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R., for three years. He was also Ills. Grand Engineer and Architect of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation for several terms.

At the meeting of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, held at Detroit, Michigan, in 1884, he was elected to the 33°, that of Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, and received this degree at the meeting of the Supreme Council in Boston the following year, being the first native Lancaster countian upon whom this honor was conferred.

He died in the city of Lancaster, January 3, 1913.

JOEL S. EABY

[W. M., 1881 to 1882]

Joel S. Eaby was born in Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county, Pa., February 20, 1838. He was educated in the public schools and at the State Normal School, Millersville. In 1855 and 1856, he taught school in Lebanon county, then in Lancaster county, until 1872, when he came to Lancaster city and was employed as clerk in the office of the Inquirer Printing and Publishing Company (now the Wickersham Printing Company), which position he filled until 1875, when he became Manager of the Conestoga Cork Works, and served as such until the destruction of those works by fire in 1882. In March of this same year, he, in company with Dr. Wm. Compton and Mr. John Holman, organized the Phoenix Cork Works of this city, which business was continued for a number of years. Later he engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business, and was later an Alderman of the city of Lancaster.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 September 11, 1872, was elected Junior Warden in 1879, Senior Warden in 1880, and Worshipful Master in 1881. Was elected Treasurer of the Lodge on the death of Brother Charles A. Heinitsh in 1898, and had been reëlected annually until December, 1913.

He was a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; served as D. D. G. H. P. for six years, as Representative to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania for four years, and as Treasurer from December, 1898 to December, 1913. He was a member and T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., serving as District Deputy Grand Master for six years; Representative to the Grand Council for many years; elected and served as R. P. G. Master of the Grand Council of R., S. E. & S. M. of Pennsylvania in 1894, and as R. P. G. Treasurer since 1899, and also as Treasurer of Goodwin Council from December, 1898 to December, 1913. He was a member and Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and its Treasurer from April, 1899 to December, 1913. A member and

T. P. G. M. of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, and its Treasurer from 1905 to December, 1913, a member of Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, and created a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°, in 1887, A. A. S. R. He died May 22, 1915.

GEORGE A. MARSHALL

[W. M., 1882 to 1883]

George A. Marshall was born in Lancaster, Pa., July 7, 1849. He was educated in the common schools of Lancaster. He was employed in Steinman & Co.'s hardware store until 1873, when, in partnership with Mr. Albert Rengier, he embarked in the same business on South Queen Street, under the firm name of Marshall and Rengier, which was continued for many years.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 May 11, 1870; was elected Junior Warden in 1880, Senior Warden in 1881; and Worshipful Master in 1882.

He is also a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R. & S. M., and a member and Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

He received the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge in 1920. He died January 20, 1929.

JAMES B. STRINE

[W. M., 1883 to 1884]

James B. Strine was born in Lancaster, Pa., November 24, 1837. He was educated in the common schools of Lancaster. He learned the trade of printing, and had been employed at the *Intelligencer* printing office for many years, and afterwards in the book department of *The New Era* Printing Company until his retirement. He was a member of the Lancaster Fencibles, and served with them in the three months' service at the breaking out of the Rebellion, being attached to the 1st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

He died at his residence in this city January 29, 1902, and was buried with Masonic honors.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on November 21, 1867. He was elected Junior Warden in 1872, and at the election for officers in December, 1873, declined advancement. He was again elected Junior Warden in 1881, was elected Senior Warden in 1882, and Worshipful Master in 1883.

He was a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., Past Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and Past T. P. G. M. of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

JOSHUA LOUIS LYTE

[W. M., 1884 to 1885]

Joshua L. Lyte was born in Smoketown, East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., on September 21, 1851. He worked in his father's nursery in early life, and received his education in the common schools; and, when seventeen years of age, he came to Lancaster to learn the printing trade at the *Inquirer* office, now the Wickersham Printing Company. In 1874, he was employed at the Lancaster *Examiner* office, having for a number of years held the position of Business Manager. He was appointed a Notary Public in 1875, and reappointed from time to time until his death. In 1871, he became a member of the Union Fire Co. No. 1, and was an active fireman up to the time of the disbanding of the volunteer fire department, in 1882, at which time he was Vice-President, and had since been elected President of the Company. After severing his connection with the *Examiner* office, he embarked in the job printing business which he continued for some years. He also held the position of Stamp Clerk for the Underwriters Association of the Middle Division for this territory for some years. He died in this city on December 9, 1907.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 February 12, 1879, was elected Junior Warden in 1882, Senior Warden in 1883, and Worshipful Master in 1884. On the death of Brother Hugh S. Gara he was elected Secretary of the Lodge, which position he occupied until compelled to resign owing to ill health. He was Representative to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania for several years, and a member of the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge. While serving in this position he supervised the publication of the earlier volumes of the Reprints of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge.

He was a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and also its Secretary; a member and Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and its Secretary; served as R. P. G. Master of the Grand Council of R., S. E. & S. M. of Pennsylvania, and R. P. G. Secretary of the Grand Council for a number of years; a member and Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and its Secretary, and also served as Division Commander for a number of years; a member and T. P. G. M. of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Harrisburg Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R., in all of which bodies he has held important official positions.

At the meeting of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, held in Boston in 1885, he was elected to the 33°, that of Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, and received the degree at the next annual meeting, 1886. His membership in all the Masonic bodies was severed in 1904.

CHARLES A. HEINITSH

[Treasurer, June, 1870–December, 1898]

Charles A. Heinitsh was the second son of John F. Heinitsh, deceased. He was born in Lancaster, Pa., July 21, 1822. He was educated in the private schools of Lancaster, at the Lititz Academy, and at the Preparatory Department of the Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Pa. In 1838, he began as a clerk in his father's drug store. In 1841, he was taken into partnership with his father, and in 1849 became sole proprietor of the establishment. He had thus been upwards of sixty years identified with the drug business and with one house, which had always conducted a large and important business, and which was distinguished as having been in existence over one hundred and twenty-five years, and been handed down to the fourth generation.

He was one of the founders of the Lancaster County Pharmaceutical Association in 1882, and was its first President. He was one of the founders of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association in 1878, and was its first President, and was reëlected at its second meeting. He was third Vice-President of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and in 1882 was elected President.

He was also Vice-President and Treasurer of the Union Fire Company for many years, and was a member of the Lancaster School Board for several years.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, February 11, 1852. He was elected Treasurer of the Lodge in June, 1870, and had faithfully fulfilled the important duties of this office for twenty-eight years, until the time of his death, which occurred on the 29th of December, 1898.

He was also Treasurer of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, Treasurer of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., Treasurer of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., until his death and a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., of which body he was also Treasurer from its organization until 1874.

HUGH S. GARA

[Secretary, 1864–1896]

Hugh S. Gara was born in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., March 28, 1819. He received his education in the public schools of the township. He first engaged in mercantile business in the store of James Whitehill, in Strasburg borough; then with David Shirk, in same place; then came to Lancaster and was employed with Geo. B. Markley, who kept store on East King Street above Duke Street.

He was then for three years employed as Manager of Boon & Cockley's foundry. He was next, in partnership with David Cockley, engaged in the mercantile business on East King Street, afterwards sole proprietor.

In 1850 he became engaged in the insurance business, in which he continued to the time of his death.

He was Prison Inspector of Lancaster County for nine years, and had been a Notary Public for many years. He was a member of the Lancaster School Board for six years, and its Secretary for five years. He was for two years Secretary of the Board of Trade, and had been President of the Union Building Association for ten years. He had been a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church for thirty years, and President of the Board for nine years.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 February 12, 1862, was elected Secretary in 1864, and for thirty-one years had faithfully and ably fulfilled the difficult and important duties of his office. He was also Secretary of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, Recorder of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and Recorder of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T. He was also a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., and was its Secretary for a number of years.

He died as Secretary of the above Masonic Bodies March 9, 1896, and was buried with Masonic honors from his residence on East King Street.

JOHN REES

[Trustee, 1859–1888]

JOHN REES was born in Lancaster, Pa., March 3, 1819. He learned the trade of machinist, and afterwards worked at his trade for ten years with Pennel & Lenhart. He was for five years an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, while it was under State control.

About the year 1848, he commenced the wholesale oyster business, which he had continued to the time of his death.

He served two terms as a member of the Common Councils of Lancaster. He helped to organize the Jackson Rifles, a military company of Lancaster, and was Second Lieutenant of the Company, when at the breaking out of the Rebellion they enlisted and were attached to the 1st Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. After they had been in service but twenty-one days, he received a severe injury of the leg, by accident, and was discharged for physical disability. He served as sutler of Col. Hambright's 79th Regiment during its entire campaign.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 January 14, 1852. He was elected a Trustee of the Lodge, December, 1859, and had been annually reëlected until 1888, making a continuous service of over twenty-seven years. He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., of which latter body he also held the office of Trustee, and of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

He died in this city November 21, 1887.

CHRISTIAN WIDMYER

[Trustee, 1857–1892]

Christian Widmyer was born near Black Forest, Wurtemburg (then in Austria), on March 31, 1807. He attended school until his fourteenth year, when he was apprenticed to the trade of cabinet making in Vienna. In 1830, he came to America and settled in Lancaster, working at his trade for three years, when he moved to Philadelphia, and there also worked at his trade two years. He then returned to Lancaster, and was employed at his trade with John F. Shroder. He afterwards became a partner with Mr. Shroder, and finally became sole proprietor. He carried on the business until 1871, when he retired from active business.

He was a member of Common Councils, a member of the Board of Trustees of Woodward Hill Cemetery, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home of Lancaster.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 May 9, 1838, was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason in June following, when owing to the anti-Masonic excitement he discontinued connection with the Lodge until 1853, when he was readmitted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He was elected a Trustee of Lodge No. 43 in December, 1857, and had been annually reëlected to 1892, a term of service of nearly thirty-five years.

He was a member and a Trustee of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, a member and a Trustee of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.

He died in this city November, 1895, and was buried from his home, corner East King and Duke Streets, with Masonic honors.

JOHN C. CARTER

[W. M., 1885 to 1886]

John C. Carter was born in the City of Lancaster, Pa., January 5, 1856, son of Edward and Elizabeth Campbell Carter, died in Lancaster General Hospital on February 21, 1934, aged seventy-eight years, one month and sixteen days, caused by a broken neck suffered when he was run down by an automobile in the town of New Holland, the previous Saturday evening, where he had gone for the purpose of visiting the family of Brother John B. Miller, who had died the previous Thursday.

Brother Carter was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, and at the age of sixteen years secured a clerkship in the banking house of Reed & Henderson, located on North Duke Street, opposite the Court House, remaining with that firm for ten years, after which he accepted a position as receiving teller with the Farmers National Bank of Lancaster. At the organization of the Northern National Bank of Lancaster he was elected its Cashier, serving in that capacity for some years, when he resigned, joining the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster as Cashier, serving in that capacity until 1913, when he was elected

President of that institution, which position he occupied until his untimely and tragic death. It was during his presidency the Fulton Bank Building was erected, of which he was justly proud. For sixty-two years Brother Carter was engaged in the banking business of his native town.

Brother Carter was active in the civic affairs of the community. For many years he was a member of the school board of the City, and its President 1921–23; he was Treasurer of the Union Building and Loan Association; and from its organization in 1910 Chairman of the Clearing House Association. During the World War Brother Carter was appointed Chairman of the Liberty and Victory Loan Committee of Lancaster county, when the fifty banks of the City and County covered sales of over $44,000,000 in Government bonds. He was active in many of the philanthropic activities, especially that of the Tuberculosis Association.

Brother Carter was affiliated with St. John's Episcopal Church, in which he was the Rector's Warden.

Brother Carter was never married, living with his three sisters, who survive him.

He was a member of the Hamilton, and Young Men's Republican Clubs.

Brother Carter was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, November 14, 1877, elected Junior Warden in December, 1883; Senior Warden in December, 1884, and Worshipful Master December, 1885. Elected Treasurer of the Lodge in 1914, serving in that capacity to the time of his death. He served on many of the important Committees of the Lodge, special mention of which was the Committee on the reconstruction of the Lodge building, in which he was an important factor, and his advice and judgment were eagerly sought by his associate members.

He received the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge in 1925, and was a member of the Lodge for a period of over fifty-six years.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, receiving the Mark Degree March 24, 1880, and elected Most Excellent High Priest December 26, 1888, and served as Trustee from 1891 to the time of his death.

A member of Goodwin Council No. 19, Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters, having received the Degrees November 19, 1890.

A member of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, being Knighted April 22, 1880, serving as its Treasurer many years.

Brother Carter was buried on the eastern slope of Woodward Hill Cemetery, Saturday afternoon, February 24, 1934, at two o'clock with Masonic services at the Lodge Hall and at the grave, conducted by Past Masters of the Lodge.

GEORGE B. WILLSON

[W. M., 1886 to 1887, 1887 to 1888]

George Bolliver Willson, son of Brother George Willson and Mary Ann (Rettew) Willson, born in Lancaster, Pa., April 4, 1855,

received a common school education, after which he learned the trade of coach trimmer, which he followed for a few years, after which he became bookkeeper and cashier in the plumbing and house-furnishing store of Flinn & Breneman, Lancaster. In 1881, he purchased from Brother B. Frank Brenemen his interest in the store, the firm becoming Flinn & Willson. In 1883, owing to ill health, he was obliged to discontinue the business, selling his interest back to Brother Breneman, took a trip to the South, spending the winter in Florida. In the spring of 1884 he returned to Lancaster much benefited in health, and in June, 1884, purchased "Wheatland," formerly the home of President Brother James Buchanan, where he devoted his time to the growing of flowers, vegetables, gardening and outdoor work, until he finally regained his health, and where he spent the remaining days of his life.

Brother Willson was an early leader in the real estate development west of the City boundary of Lancaster, where he was a large real estate owner, and in which he was actively interested at the time of his death. He was an active pioneer in the development of the electrical interests of Lancaster county on the Conestoga and Susquehanna rivers and the Electrical Power development at Holtwood, of which he was one of the original sponsors.

Brother Willson was a large factor in purchasing property, proving titles, and securing releases of much of the land now occupied by the Masonic Homes of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge at Elizabethtown, giving much time and knowledge of real estate values in procuring this contiguous tract of land. He was also the first Superintendent of the Homes, and supervisor of the early improvements and building of Grand Lodge Hall, the Power Plant, and other utilities, serving in that capacity until the spring of 1913.

Brother Willson was a member of St. James' Episcopal Church, Lancaster, Pa., at times active in the Sunday schools of Church and Parish, and Vestryman and Registrar of the Parish.

Brother Willson was a good citizen, hospitable and generous. Few of his benefactions were known to any but the recipient. As a friend he was dependable and faithful, as a foe to be reckoned with. It was his delight to receive his friends and visiting strangers at the front door of "Wheatland," escort them to the Library, which remained as it was left by Brother President Buchanan, and there entertain them. It was here that Brother Willson passed away. For some time his health had been somewhat impaired, but he usually was about, and no later than the morning of September 14th, he was down town in the City of Lancaster, on business, returning near noon, when he lay down on a couch for rest, and the purpose of reading the morning paper; his cousin, Miss Mary Rettew, a member of the family, hearing a noise, hastened to his side, found him apparently in a faint. The end came shortly afterwards. He was the last of his immediate family. He was never married. Funeral services were held from "Wheatland," Tuesday, September 17, 1929, conducted by the Rev. Frederick R. Houghton, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, with a large attendance

of the members of the Fraternity and representative citizens. Interment was made in the family plot on the east slope of Woodward Hill Cemetery, of which he was one of the Trustees, and responsible for much of the permanent improvement there. In politics he was an old-line Democrat, never aspiring for office, but was frequently complimented with nominations by the minority party of Lancaster County.

Brother Willson was an outstanding member of Lodge No. 43. He was Worshipful Master for two consecutive years, in order to comply with the then law of Grand Lodge, to become a member of Grand Lodge. He was Trustee of the Lodge since 1900, a period of practically twenty-nine years, and Representative in Grand Lodge for a number of years. He was faithful in the discharge of all the duties pertaining to these offices, particularly as the Chairman of the Trustees.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Lancaster, Pa., on October 9, 1878; elected Junior Warden 1884; Senior Warden 1885; Worshipful Master 1886 and 1887; elected Trustee 1900, serving until his death. He received the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge 1928. He also served as Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Lodge.

Initiated in Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, October 26, 1881, served as Most Excellent High Priest in 1889.

November 21, 1883, was initiated into Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters, serving as Thrice Illustrious Grand Master in 1888.

The Orders of Knighthood were received in Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, in 1882; Eminent Commander in 1892. He also served as Grand Herald in Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

In the Scottish Rite he received the fourth to the fourteenth degrees in Lancaster Lodge of Perfection in 1882; Council, Chapter and Consistory at Harrisburg in 1913. Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, held in Chicago, Ill., September 21, 1920.

GEORGE H. ROTHERMEL

[W. M., 1888 to 1889]

George H. Rothermel was born in Philadelphia, November 7, 1837. He was educated in the public schools of that city, afterwards learning the trade of printing in the book department of the *Pennsylvania Inquirer*, now the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, going from there to the Harrisburg *Telegraph*, and then to the Philadelphia *Evening Telegraph*. In 1869 he moved to Lancaster, entering the employ of Wylie & Griest, now the Wickersham Printing Company, shortly afterward becoming the foreman of the book department of that establishment. He served in the Emergency Troops from Philadelphia, during the Antietam Campaign, in the Civil War, September, 1862.

After his retirement from the printing business he resided in Lancaster for some time, afterwards removing to Washington, D. C., Bath, England,

and later to Richmond, Va. He received the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge in 1920. He died April 13, 1929.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, February 9, 1870. He was elected Junior Warden in December, 1885; Senior Warden in December, 1886, and December, 1887, and Worshipful Master in December, 1888. Elected Trustee 1917, serving until his death.

He was also a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; and a member and Past Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

JACOB P. SHIRK

[W. M., 1889 to 1890]

Jacob Peters Shirk was born in Millersville, Pa., in 1860. He was educated in the State Normal School of that town. When about twenty years of age he removed to Lancaster. In his early life he was engaged with his father and brother in textile manufacturing and in the wholesale cigar business; and later in the manufacturing and wholesaling of lumber.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, November 8, 1882. He was elected Junior Warden in December, 1886; Senior Warden in December, 1887, and in December, 1888, and Worshipful Master in December, 1889.

He was a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member and Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.; a member and Past Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; a member and Past T. P. M. of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, and a member of Philadelphia Consistory, A. A. S. R. He died May 6, 1913.

HENRY CARPENTER

[W. M., 1890 to 1891]

Henry Carpenter was born November 29, 1859. He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster city, after which he read law in the office of David G. Eshleman, Esq., and was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in 1881. He served for three terms as City Solicitor, and on several occasions served as Delegate to Republican State Conventions. In 1892 he was the candidate of the Republican Party for Mayor of the City. He was a member of the City School Board, having served in that position for more than ten years. He was also actively engaged in the practice of his profession, in which he was eminently successful to the time of his death.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, March 14, 1883; was elected Junior Warden in December, 1888; Senior Warden in December, 1889, and Worshipful Master in December, 1890. He served for several years as Representative of Lodge No. 43 to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

and was elected a Trustee in December, 1905, declining reëlection to that office for personal reasons in 1917.

He was a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member and Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.; a member and Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T. He was also a member and Past T. P. M. of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, and of Philadelphia Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R. He died May 15, 1928.

GEORGE R. ROHRER

[W. M., 1891 to 1892]

George Redsecker Rohrer, M.D., was born in Middletown, Pa., on December 11, 1853, and was one of the four sons of Past Master Brother Jeremiah Rohrer who were members of Lodge No. 43, and who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in this Lodge by their father.

The family removed to Lancaster in April, 1864, and Brother Rohrer was educated in the public schools, graduating from the Lancaster High School. In 1870 he apprenticed himself to Wylie & Griest, to learn the printing trade, finishing the trade with their successors, *The Inquirer* Printing and Publishing Company (now The Wickersham Printing Co.).

In 1876 he began the study of medicine with Past Master Brother John L. Atlee, Jr., of Lodge No. 43, entering the University of Pennsylvania in October, 1877, graduating from the Medical Department in 1880. He was resident physician in the Philadelphia Hospital for one year (1881–82), and house surgeon in Wills Eye Hospital for one year (1882–83). He began the practice of medicine in Lancaster, Pa., June, 1883; serving as physician to the Lancaster County Prison from April, 1884, to April, 1888. He had been on the staff of Saint Joseph's Hospital for over twenty years; and on the staff of the Lancaster General Hospital from 1894 to the time of his death.

He was Treasurer of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society for twenty years until elected its President in 1907. He was also a member of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania and of the American Medical Association. Was expert examiner in the U. S. Pension Department on the eye and ear, receiving the appointment during President Grover Cleveland's administration, serving until 1928, when he resigned. He had been actively engaged in his profession, specializing on the eye, ear, nose and throat to the time of his death.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, February 11, 1885; was elected Junior Warden December, 1889, Senior Warden December, 1890, and Worshipful Master December, 1891. He was also a member and High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter No. 43; a member and Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of Goodwin Council No. 19, Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters; a member of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar; Lancaster Lodge of Perfection 14°; Harrisburg Consistory, A. A. Scottish Rite; Zembo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. (Harrisburg).

Elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33°, at Dayton, Ohio, 1929, and crowned an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of America, at Boston, Mass., September, 1930.

Brother Rohrer had been Chairman of the Charity Committee of Lodge No. 43 for more than thirty years. In December, 1912, he was elected a Trustee of the Lodge and had held that position to the time of his death. It was during his Trusteeship the Hull property was purchased and the improvement made to the Hull and McConomy properties in 1930, and now occupied by the Hull-Houghton Drug Company. In 1932–33 he was Chairman of the Committee in the rebuilding and reconstruction of the present Lodge Room.

In February, 1935, he was honored in receiving the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge, which he acknowledged with interesting reminiscences of the past fifty years of the Lodge.

Brother Rohrer raised his three sons to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason: George Herman, September 9, 1914; Henry Augustus, September 16, 1921, and John Jay, September 13, 1922. This with his father raising his four sons in Lodge No. 43, makes a record unique in Freemasonry, and probably not equaled in the State.

Since the death of Mrs. Rohrer, it was the custom of Brother George R. Rohrer to spend Sunday afternoon and evening at the home of his son, Brother Henry A. Rohrer, 1029 Marietta Avenue. On Sunday evening, about 8:30 o'clock, March 31, 1935, after kissing the grandchildren "Goodnight" he seated himself in a chair, provided himself with reading matter, and when he was again observed he had passed into the "Great Beyond" in the eighty-second year of his age.

Brother Rohrer was a practicing physician for fifty-two years, enjoying a wide and lucrative practice to the day of his death. He was a man of quiet demeanor, a loyal friend, a good citizen and an ardent Mason. He will be missed by the community and his Lodge. He was affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster.

Services were held in the Lodge Room and at his late residence, 45 East Orange Street, Lancaster, Pa., on Wednesday afternoon, April 3, 1935, with a large attendance of Brethren, friends and citizens. Interment was in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

JOHN R. KAUFFMAN

[W. M., 1892 to 1893]

John R. Kauffman was born in East Hempfield township, about four miles west of Lancaster, April 10, 1851. In 1861 he removed to Lancaster, and was educated in the public schools of this city. In 1868 he entered the drug store of John B. Markley, learning this business, and became a proficient pharmacist; later he was employed in the drug stores of John F. Long & Sons and H. B. Cochran. In 1880 he engaged in the drug business for himself, being located on North Queen Street, where he

enjoyed a successful business, but owing to failing health he sold his interests in 1890, and for some years afterwards was representative of some of the leading life insurance companies. In 1901 he was appointed an officer in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, which position he filled for a period of over twenty-one years. He is now living retired in this city.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, June 10, 1885; elected Junior Warden in December, 1890; Senior Warden in December, 1891, and Worshipful Master in 1892.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member and Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.; also a Trustee of Goodwin Council; a member and Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

He received the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge June, 1935.

JAMES C. WILEY

[W. M., 1893 to 1894]

James Cameron Wiley was the youngest son of Major William M. Wiley, and was born in Lancaster, March 17, 1865. He was a student of the Hill School, Pottstown, Pa., and later at Lafayette College and Princeton University. He first engaged in business here with Brother John L. Metzger, carrying on cigar manufacturing, but later pursued the same business alone, his factory being on North Lime Street, near the railroad. He died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Eugene G. Smith, in this city on December 11, 1897.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, November 10, 1886, elected Junior Warden in December, 1891; Senior Warden in December, 1892, and Worshipful Master in December, 1893.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member and Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.; a member and Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; a member and Past T. P. M. of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, and a member of Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R., Harrisburg.

ANDREW H. HERSHEY

[W. M., 1894 to 1895]

Andrew Hiestand Hershey, son of Jacob Hartman Hershey and Anna Manning Hershey, was born in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., one mile south of Landisville, at what was then known as "Spring Mills," August 15, 1852, attending the public schools of that township, and spending the early years of his life on his father's farm. In 1866 he removed with his parents to Rohrerstown. In 1869 he apprenticed himself to Wylie & Griest, of Lancaster, Pa., to learn the trade of printing, remaining with that firm and its successors, the Inquirer Printing and Publishing Company, until the founding of *The New Era*

newspaper, by Past Master Brother John B. Warfel, in 1877, when he took the position of foreman of the commercial printing department of that newspaper, which position he retained until 1897, when he became one of the Company in the purchase of The New Era Printing House from Warfel & Geist, forming The New Era Printing Company, publishers of *The Daily New Era*, and *The Semi-Weekly New Era*, and doing an extensive printing business. He sold his interest in the printing business April, 1920, retiring from active work, spending his time largely in literary pursuits, and especially in the active management of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

He has been affiliated with the Church of God, Rohrerstown, for more than half a century, and active in Church and Sundayschool work at that place. Is married but without children.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, June 10, 1885, elected Junior Warden in December, 1892; Senior Warden in December, 1893; Worshipful Master in December, 1894. He was a member of the Board of Trustees from December, 1906, to December, 1912. Representative to the Masonic Homes, Philadelphia, for a number of years. Appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, by Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother William A. Gorgas, September, 1912, serving to December, 1913. Appointed by Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother J. Henry Williams, December, 1913, to the Committee on Masonic Homes, and elected to the same Committee at each Quarterly Communication in December since that time, serving as Chairman of the Executive Committee all these years.

Served as Secretary of the Committee on the Celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Lodge No. 43, and wrote the History of the Lodge for the preceding twenty-five years, revising the History written by Past Master Brother George R. Welchans, covering the preceding one hundred years, and printed the volume.

Elected Representative of Lodge No. 43 to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, December, 1922, and annually to date.

Chairman of the Committee of Lodge No. 43 to raise funds for the Lancaster County Memorial Building at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, when Lodge No. 43 raised $37,620.75 toward that project.

Was appointed in 1933 to rewrite the History of Lodge No. 43 to date, covering the one hundred and fifty years of its existence.

Appointed on many of the Committees of the Lodge during the past fifty years, probably the most important being that of the rebuilding and decorating our present Lodge Room. Had many personal courtesies and honors paid him by Grand Masters during the past twenty years.

He is a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, having been approved and marked in 1886; serving as High Priest, December, 1896–97. Wrote the History of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, for the first one hundred years of its existence in 1909. Elected December, 1901, Representative to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and rëelected annually to date. Appointed Representative of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

of California near the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, August 12, 1912.

He is a member and Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters, being approved June 16, 1886, receiving the several Degrees on same date, serving as Master during the year 1891–92. Appointed Representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire near the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, February, 1929.

He is a member and Past Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar. Approved September 23, 1886, on which date the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred, and on October 28, 1886, those of Knights Templar and Knight of Malta. Was elected Eminent Commander March 28, 1895. Appointed Prelate March 22, 1903, and annually thereafter to date. Appointed Division Commander by Rt. Eminent Grand Commander, A. Howard Thomas, for Division No. 13, and at a later period to same position by Rt. Eminent Grand Commander, Paul A. Pontius.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite: received the fourth to the fourteenth Degrees in Lancaster Lodge of Perfection September 8, 1908; in Harrisburg Consistory the Degrees of the Council, Chapter and Consistory, November 19 and 20, 1912.

Supreme Council, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Elected at Chicago, Ill., September 17, 1914, crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, at Boston, Mass., Tuesday evening, September 21, 1915.

A member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, Pa., October 25, 1911.

Masonic Veterans Association of Pennsylvania, admitted March 31, 1916.

Received the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge June 12, 1935.

JOHN W. LANSINGER

[W. M., 1895 to 1896]

John W. Lansinger was born in Littlestown, Adams county, Pa., January 5, 1858. He spent several years in the public schools of his native town, and one year in the public schools of Hanover, after which he spent five years in school at Loysville, Perry county, Pa., and taught his first term in the public schools of that county. In the spring of 1875 he entered the Millersville Normal School, alternating teaching in the public schools while studying at the Normal. He graduated at the Normal School in the Elementary Course in 1879, and was elected a teacher in that institution the same year. While teaching he also pursued the branches in the Scientific Course, graduating in that course in 1886. In 1888 he was elected Treasurer of the institution, and in 1905 Business Manager. He had put the best years of his life in his Alma Mater, and

in his thirty-five years' connection with it had seen many changes and improvements.

In 1898 he was elected a member of the National Educational Association, and had been active in its interests since, serving as State Director for Pennsylvania at the National Educational Association meetings at Los Angeles, Charleston, Detroit, Boston, Asbury Park and San Francisco.

He was active in the location of the Masonic Home of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at Elizabethtown, giving much time and attention to securing the property, and afterwards in securing funds from the Lodges and Masons of Lancaster County towards a memorial for this County.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, October 12, 1881, elected Junior Warden in December, 1893; Senior Warden in December, 1894, and Worshipful Master in December, 1895. He had also served the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1 from 1899 to September, 1912.

He was a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member and Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.; a member and Past Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, at the Annual Conclave held in Lancaster, in May, 1910. He was a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, a member of Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, and was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, in 1904, A. A. S. R.

Brother Lansinger ceased to be a member of all his Masonic affiliations during the year 1912.

JOHN FREDERICK FISHER

[W. M., 1896 to 1897]

J. Fred. Fisher was born in Lancaster, Pa., in 1861, and was educated in the public schools of the city, after which he learned the trade of cabinet making and undertaking with Widmyer & Ricksecker. He also served for some years as a letter carrier in the Lancaster Post Office under Postmaster Henry E. Slaymaker; nine years in the ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Lancaster; two years as Chief of Police under the administration of Mayor Brother Simon Shissler. For the past thirty years he has been successfully carrying on the business of undertaking and funeral director, now located at 141–143 East Orange Street, this city.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, March 13, 1889, elected Junior Warden, December, 1894; Senior Warden in December, 1895, and Worshipful Master in December, 1896. He has also served as Secretary of the Lodge from May, 1903, to December, 1903, and from April, 1905, to the present time.

He is a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member and Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. &

S. M.; a member and Past Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and its Recorder from 1903 to 1922, when he declined reëlection; a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, A. A. S. R., and its Treasurer since June, 1913.

DAVID E. LONG

[W. M., 1897 to 1898]

David E. Long was born in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., in 1847. He attended the public schools of the township, afterwards learning the trade of milling, at which he worked for about eight years. In 1870 he removed to Lancaster City, entering into the employ of Robert J. Houston, who was engaged in the wholesale notion business; afterwards he entered the employ of Daniel S. Bursk in the grocery business. In 1881 he engaged in the grocery business for himself, at the corner of North Queen and James Streets. He served one term in the Common Councils of the city, ten years in the Select Council, for two years of which he was President; and for ten years on the Board of School Directors, retiring in 1908.

After retiring from the grocery business he was for some time employed in the Water Department of the city, and later with the Armstrong Cork Company; later living retired in the city. He was affiliated with the First Methodist Church, serving for many years on the Official Board.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, June 12, 1878, was elected Senior Warden, December, 1896, and Worshipful Master in December, 1897.

He was a member, Past High Priest and Trustee of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member and Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.; a member and Past Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and served as Division Commander from 1903 to 1914. Received the Fifty-year Jewel of the Lodge 1928. He died August 21, 1930.

ROBERT W. GROEZINGER

[W. M., 1898 to 1899]

Robert W. Groezinger was born in Lancaster, Pa., in 1868. He was educated in the public schools of the city, and graduated from the City High School in 1885. He learned the trade of leather tanning with his father, Brother Gustavus Groezinger, whom he succeeded in the business in 1890, and in which he is still actively engaged.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, March 9, 1892, elected Junior Warden in December, 1896; Senior Warden in December, 1897, and Worshipful Master in 1898.

He is a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member and Past T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. &

S. M.; a member of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

Brother Gustavus Groezinger, father of Past Master Robert W. Groezinger, served for a number of years as a Trustee of Lodge No. 43; at his death he bequeathed his residence on Marietta Avenue to the Masonic Homes, which was later sold and the proceeds applied to the building of the Laundry as a Memorial to Brother Gustavus Groezinger.

ALBERT D. PINKHAM

[W. M., 1899 to 1900]

Albert D. Pinkham was born in Whitefield, N. H., in 1867. He received his earlier education in the common schools and the New Hampton, N. H., Literary Institution; he took the college preparatory course in the Lewiston, Me., High School, and received the degree of A.B. from Bates College, Lewiston, Me., in 1891, and the degree of A.M. three years later. In 1890 and 1891 he took special courses in the Summer School of Harvard College. He was elected a member of the Faculty of the State Normal School, Millersville, Pa., in 1891, and remained continuously with that institution until 1904, at which time he resigned to become a member of the Faculty of the Ethical Culture School of New York City, with which Institution he was connected for twenty-five years. For a number of years he also served as Principal of the Vacation Schools of New York City under the New York Board of Education.

In 1928 he purchased a home in Newtown, Conn., where he is now living and is connected with the Monarch Life Insurance Company, of Springfield, Mass.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, on January 11, 1903, elected Junior Warden in December, 1897; Senior Warden in December, 1898, and Worshipful Master in December, 1899. He served as the Principal of the Lancaster County School of Symbolic Masonry from 1899 to 1904.

He is a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.; and a member of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., filling all the appointive offices of the latter body.

WILLIAM D. WEAVER

[W. M., 1900 to 1901]

William D. Weaver was born on the homestead, near Spring Grove, East Earl township, Lancaster county, Pa., February 17, 1847. He attended the public schools at Spring Grove, Conestoga and at Goodville, and the select schools at Conestoga, Goodville and Hinkletown, and taught the Goodville school for two terms, after which he attended the State Normal School at Millersville, graduating in the Elementary Course and part of the Scientific Course in 1868. After graduating at the Normal School he taught the Goodville school in Lancaster county for

two terms, and was Principal-teacher in 1869 in the Titusville, Crawford County, Pa., Soldiers' Orphans' School. In 1870–71 he was Principal of the Franklin Grammar School in Wilkesbarre, Pa., and from 1871 to 1873 was Principal of the High School at Coudersport, Pa. In October, 1873, he registered as a law student with Past Master Brother William Augustus Atlee, of Lancaster, and was admitted a member of the Lancaster Bar in 1875. In 1886 he was elected on the Republican Ticket as District Attorney for Lancaster county, receiving the highest vote on the ticket, serving for three years in a most acceptable manner. He was also admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court. He was a member of the Common Councils of Lancaster City for three terms, serving on a number of the most important committees. He died in this city April 24, 1903.

He was made a Mason in Eulalia Lodge, No. 342, Coudersport, Pa., on January 10, 1872, and admitted to Lodge No. 43, March 14, 1883, and elected Junior Warden in December, 1898; Senior Warden in December, 1899, and Worshipful Master in December, 1900.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 227, Emporium, Pa., from which he demitted, and was admitted a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, in 1883.

WILLIAM H. KELLER

[W. M., 1901 to 1902]

William Huestis Keller was born at "Brothers Industry," Montgomery county, Md., August 11, 1869, being a son of Daniel S. and Martha Eleanor (Huestis) Keller. He was educated in the public schools of Bellefonte, Pa., and at the Bellefonte Academy, afterwards attending Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., graduating from that institution in 1891; after which he attended the George Washington University, Washington, D. C., graduating from the Law Department in 1893. He began the practice of law in Lancaster in 1893, and has since resided there. On January 6, 1919, he was appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. He was elected in November of that year, and reëlected in November, 1929. Since January 7, 1935, he has been President Judge of that Court.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, January 9, 1895; was elected Junior Warden in December, 1899; Senior Warden in December, 1900, and Worshipful Master in 1901.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason "At Sight," by Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Albert T. Hanby, April 5, 1935. He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, Lancaster, Pa.

FRANK H. RUDY

[W. M., 1902 to 1903]

Frank H. Rudy was born in Lancaster, Pa., January 22, 1871, educated in the public schools of the city, graduating from the Lancaster

High School in 1888. On leaving school he apprenticed himself to Flinn & Breneman to learn the trade of plumbing, afterwards entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Steel Co., at Sparrows Point, Md. He returned to Lancaster and again entered the employ of Flinn & Breneman, as foreman of their shops and as superintendent, which position he occupied until his removal to Baltimore, where he engaged in business for himself. He served as School Director of Lancaster for one term of three years, and was the youngest person elected to fill that position in the city. He also served as clerk of one of the Committees of City Councils. He resides in Lancaster.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, February 12, 1896; elected Junior Warden in December, 1900; Senior Warden in December, 1901, and Worshipful Master in December, 1902. He also served as Secretary for one year.

He was a member and elected High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, but having removed from the Jurisdiction he did not fill the office; also a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.

He ceased to be a member of all the Masonic bodies of Lancaster in 1910; was later placed in Good Masonic Standing in the Lodge.

CHARLES L. MARSHALL

[W. M., 1903 to 1904]

Charles L. Marshall was born in Lancaster, Pa., April 15, 1872, and was educated in the public schools of the city. After occupying clerical positions in various capacities, he was for a number of years employed as bookkeeper for the clothing house of Myers & Rathfon, afterwards S. M. Myers & Co., and later as bookkeeper for the R. E. Roddy Candy Co. He was later a member of the firm of Marshall and Lane, Wholesale Confectioners. Brother Marshall had the distinction of having the several degrees of Masonry conferred upon him by his father Past Master Brother William O. Marshall, that privilege being granted him by the Worshipful Master, Brother John W. Lansinger.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, February 12, 1896; elected Junior Warden in December, 1901; Senior Warden in December, 1902, and Worshipful Master in December, 1903.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M., and a member of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

He died November 30, 1921.

J. FRANK STEVENS

[W. M., 1904 to 1905]

J. Frank Stevens was born October 3, 1864, in the village of Three Springs, Huntingdon county, Pa., being the son of Asa S. and Sarah A. Stevens. He received his early education in the village school, after

which he took up the higher studies with a private tutor. At the age of twenty years he removed to Lancaster with his parents, taking up the study of dentistry, his preceptor being Dr. W. L. Fisher. In 1889 he matriculated at the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, graduating from that institution in 1891, after which he returned to Lancaster and began the practice of his profession, which he continues at the present time.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, November 9, 1893, elected Junior Warden December, 1902; Senior Warden in December, 1903, and Worshipful Master in 1904.

He is also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; Lulu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Life Member Lodge No. 134, B. P. O. Elks, Lancaster, Pa.

HERBERT C. MILLER

[W. M., 1905 to 1906]

HERBERT C. MILLER was born in Lancaster city, November 16, 1871, was educated in the common schools of Lancaster, and graduated from the Lancaster High School in the class of 1888. After a course in the Lancaster Business College, he entered the business office of *The Lancaster Examiner*, and in 1890 was elected to a clerkship in the Lancaster County National Bank. In 1892 he entered the employ of Reilly Bros. & Raub, as bookkeeper. In 1894 he accepted a position with The Lancaster Trust Company, and after various promotions became Assistant Treasurer, and in 1910 was elected Treasurer of The Lancaster Trust Company, which position he held to the time of his death, which occurred March 28, 1931.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, on February 12, 1896; elected Junior Warden in December, 1903; Senior Warden in December, 1904, and Worshipful Master in December, 1905.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.; of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T., and of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

G. HOWARD SHERTS

[W. M., 1906 to 1907]

G. HOWARD SHERTS was born in the Borough of Strasburg, Lancaster county, Pa., in 1872, and educated in the schools of that Borough, afterwards learning the trade of printing at the Wickersham Printing Company in this city. In 1895 he entered his father's grocery store in this city in which he was engaged until 1909, when he entered into partnership with his brother in the manufacture of automobile tops, in which business he was engaged up to his serious illness and death, which occurred March 20, 1934.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, March 11, 1896; elected Junior Warden in December, 1904; Senior Warden in December, 1905, and Worshipful Master in December, 1906.

He was also a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member and Past T. I. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R. and S. M., and a member and Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.

DANIEL SHERMAN SMITH

[W. M., 1907 to 1908]

Daniel Sherman Smith was born in Lampeter, Lancaster county, Pa., September 21, 1864, a direct descendant of Hans Herr, one of the first emigrants settling in Lancaster county, moved to Columbia, Pa., in 1867, and then to Lancaster, Pa., in 1879. He was educated in the common schools of Columbia and Lancaster, graduating from the Lancaster High School in 1882. He then learned the trade of bookbinding with H. L. Trout. In 1886 he took a position in the business office of the *Philadelphia Press*, where he remained two years. In 1888 he entered the Philadelphia Dental College, graduating from that institution in 1890, when he returned to Lancaster to practice his profession, in which he is now engaged. He is a member of the Penna. Dental Society, of the National Dental Association, and the Alumni Association of the Philadelphia Dental College; a member and twice president of the Harris Dental Association of Lancaster; a member of the Lancaster County Historical Society and a number of social and other organizations. He served as City Committeeman for the Third Ward for six years, was a member of the Common Council of Lancaster, and a Delegate from Lancaster City to the Republican State Convention in 1909. He took an active interest in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, being a member of the Hospital Corps of Battery C, which was on duty at Hazleton, during the Coal Strike of 1897. He is an active member of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and served as the Division Commander of the State of Pennsylvania during the year 1909.

During the World War he was Chairman of the "Fraternal Organization" in the sale of War Saving Stamps which realized about three million dollars made up of small contributions in the City and County of Lancaster, for which he received a beautiful testimonial for his services. Received a Certificate of Honor for his coöperation with the "Four Minute Men." Organized the "Preparedness League of American Dentists" in Lancaster City and County, under which the local dentists examined teeth for the Draft Board and gave free dental service.

He was a member of the Drama Club of Lancaster, in which he took a prominent part in two local pageants.

In 1932 he was a candidate for State Senator at the Republican primary on a "Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment" platform.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, on September 13, 1893;

elected Junior Warden in December, 1905; Senior Warden in December, 1906, and Worshipful Master in December, 1907.

He is also a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, and of Harrisburg Consistory, A. A. S. R.

He is a member of the Lancaster Lodge of Elks, in which he is a Past Exalted Ruler and a Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

WASHINGTON M. NIXDORF

[W. M., 1908 to 1909]

Washington M. Nixdorf was born in Lancaster, Pa., October 12, 1875. He attended the public schools of the city, graduating from the Lancaster High School in June, 1891, shortly after which he accepted a position in the Lancaster County National Bank, where he continued until 1898, when he connected himself with the Conestoga National Bank. In 1906 he became the Paying Teller of the Lancaster Trust Company. On November 1, 1909, he accepted the secretaryship of the Retail Merchants' Association and the Lancaster Board of Trade, which bodies were since consolidated into the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, of which he was the Secretary. He had been active in athletics and in literary pursuits.

He afterwards formed a Company under the name of Nixdorf & Bard in the sale of office furniture and printing, in which he was actively engaged at the time of his death which occurred November 16, 1923.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, March 12, 1902, elected Junior Warden in December, 1906; Senior Warden in December, 1907, and Worshipful Master in 1908.

SAMUEL R. FRAIM

[W. M., 1909 to 1910]

Samuel R. Fraim was born in Lancaster, Pa., June 29, 1881. He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, being graduated from the Lancaster High School in 1898. Afterwards he entered the Mercersburg Academy, from which he graduated in 1899, and from there entered Lehigh University, from which he graduated in 1903, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. In the fall of 1903 he became a member of the Keystone Lock Company, of Lancaster, being its Secretary. In the year 1906 the Keystone Lock Company was incorporated as the E. T. Fraim Lock Company, and in 1921 he was elected President, a position which he now holds. In 1908 he was granted several valuable patents on improvements in padlocks.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, May 11, 1904; was elected Junior Warden in December, 1907; Senior Warden in December, 1908, and Worshipful Master in December, 1909.

He is a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, and Harrisburg Consistory, A. A. S. R.

MARTIN M. HARNISH

[W. M., 1910 to 1911]

Martin Mylin Harnish was born on his father's farm in West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., on September 24, 1875. His early life was spent on the farm. At the age of sixteen he left the farm to learn the shoe business with his brother, in Lancaster, Pa. At the age of eighteen he entered Franklin and Marshall Academy, and from there, in the fall of 1895, he entered Franklin and Marshall College, graduating with the Class of 1899.

After graduating he read law in the office of William R. Harnish, Esq., and was admitted to the Lancaster Bar, January, 1902. After his admission he entered into partnership with William R. Harnish, and has since that time been practicing law at Lancaster, Pa.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, October 16, 1903; elected Junior Warden in December, 1908, and Senior Warden in December, 1909; Worshipful Master December, 1910.

He is a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection and of Harrisburg Consistory, A. A. S. R.

He is a member of the Committee of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown, Pa.

THADDEUS G. HELM

[W. M., 1911 to 1912]

Thaddeus Geary Helm was born in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, Pa., September 22, 1866. His early years were spent on a farm and he received his elementary education in the ungraded schools of his home township. In 1888 he graduated from the Millersville State Normal School, and for several years thereafter taught in the public schools of the County.

In 1891 he entered Franklin and Marshall College and graduated in 1895, receiving the Degree of A.B. In 1897 he received the Degree of A.M.

In 1895 he entered the Lancaster Theological Seminary. After two years in the Seminary, he was, in 1897, elected Principal of Franklin and Marshall Academy. His last year's work in the Seminary was completed in absentia, graduating with the class of 1901.

During the twenty years as principal at Franklin and Marshall Academy that institution prepared over 800 boys for college. These boys entered some thirty different colleges in all parts of the United States. Many of them have won distinction in professional, political and business life.

In 1917, after twenty-six years at Franklin and Marshall Academy, six as under-teacher while pursuing his studies and twenty as principal, he resigned through a desire to be relieved from the strenuous life connected with a boys' boarding school.

For ten years following, he served as Vice-President of an insurance company. This position he resigned in the spring of 1927. On May 3, 1927, he was appointed Superintendent of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, and the next day, May 4, he assumed the new duties and continues in that position at the time of the writing of this History.

However busy his life, he always found time to take part in matters outside of his immediate work. While in Lancaster he was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, serving as a member of the Civic Council and Chairman of the Committee on Education. In 1914 he was one of the five men who founded the Lancaster Rotary Club. He served as President of this Club in 1918–1919, during which years he helped to establish the Lancaster Rotary Home for Boys. He is a member of two leading literary organizations, the Cliosophic Society and the Fortnightly Club.

He was made a Mason February 11, 1904, elected Junior Warden in December, 1909; Senior Warden in December, 1910, and Worshipful Master in December, 1911. In December, 1913, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, and served in that capacity for fourteen years to December 27, 1927.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar; Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Harrisburg Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, and Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R.

JOHN S. GRAYBILL, JR.

[W. M., 1912 to 1913]

John Shelley Graybill, Jr., was born in Mifflintown, Pa., December 19, 1879, the son of John S. (Past Master Union Lodge, No. 324, Mifflintown) and Annie E. Graybill. He received his education principally in the public schools of his birthplace, and graduated from the high school in April, 1897. In 1897 he entered the employ of the Receiver of the Pennsylvania Traction Company, and continued his connection with the public utility interests of Lancaster county for a period of eighteen years, during the latter eleven of which he was Secretary and Treasurer of the various companies supplying street railway service, electricity and gas throughout the County. He resigned in 1915 due to ill health. After regaining his health he was connected with various business interests in Lancaster county. In 1930 he was elected Secretary of the Lancaster City School District, which office he still occupies.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., June 10, 1903, and after filling the various subordinate and elective offices he was elected Worshipful Master December 11, 1912. He was elected Trustee of the Lodge December 11, 1929, and continued to serve until December, 1935, when he declined reëlection.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and served as High Priest, 1913–1914; of Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters,

serving as Thrice Illustrious Master, 1909–1910, and has been one of its Trustees since December, 1926; of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, serving as Eminent Commander, 1915–1916, and as its Secretary since 1922.

He is also a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Harrisburg Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, and Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

WILLIAM J. STEWARD

[W. M., 1913 to 1914]

William J. Steward was born in Hopewell township, York county, Pa., July 10, 1877, the son of Dr. Asahel Steward and Cassandra I. (McCullough) Steward. On his maternal side he is a descendant of Samuel Scott, who purchased a tract of 1200 acres from William Penn's heirs, in northern Lancaster county, which was known as Scott's Manor. The original Scott homestead continued in the Scott name for more than one hundred and sixty years. His great-great-grandfather, John Scott, was a major in the Revolutionary War.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of York county; was graduated from the Delta High School in 1894, and the Millersville State Teachers College in 1897 in the Elementary Course, and in 1900 in the regular Normal Course.

After teaching school in Lebanon and Lancaster counties for three years, he entered the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md., and was graduated in medicine in 1904.

After graduating in medicine he specialized in Psychiatry, and has been Superintendent of the Lancaster County Hospital, Superintendent of the State School for Feebleminded, Pennhurst, Pa., and Assistant Superintendent of the State School for Feebleminded, Polk, Pa.

He is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society; the Pennsylvania State Medical Society; a Fellow of the American Medical Association; a member of the American Association on Mental Deficiency and a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

His Masonic history is as follows: Initiated in Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Lancaster, Pa., October 11, 1905; passed November 8, 1905; raised December 14, 1905, and served as Worshipful Master in 1914.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, serving as Most Excellent High Priest in 1920. A member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters, serving as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1915. A member of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, serving as Eminent Commander in 1919. In the Commandery he was instrumental in securing the proper equipment for conferring the Malta Degree in full ceremonial form, and was the first person to confer this degree in Commandery No. 13 in full ceremonial form, which he did for some years prior to his election as Eminent Commander.

While residing in Lancaster he took a great interest in the Lancaster County Masonic School of Instruction, and for several years was Principal of the School.

He is a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, serving as Thrice Potent Master in 1915. He is also a member of New Castle Consistory, A. A. S. R., 32°, and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading, Pa.

IRA D. SMITH

[W. M., 1914 to 1915]

Ira Daniel Smith was born in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., December 7, 1882. Attended public schools until 1895 in that township, spent two years in State Public School, Millersville, and three years in Pennsylvania State Normal School, Millersville, and after completing a business course entered the employ of Hoffmeier Brothers, dealers in furniture, June 18, 1902, resigned from their employ April 22, 1935, to accept position of sales manager for Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Company in their Philadelphia Agency.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, October 14, 1908; elected Junior Warden December, 1912; Senior Warden December, 1913, and Worshipful Master December, 1914.

He was elected Trustee of said Lodge December 11, 1929, and has served to the present time.

He is a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, A. A. S. R.

CLAYTON S. MELLINGER

[W. M., 1915 to 1916]

Clayton S. Mellinger was born in Mountville, Lancaster county, Pa., on the 10th day of August, 1874. He received his early education in the schools of that village, and then attended the Millersville State Normal School, Juniata College and Lancaster Business College.

In 1892 he accepted a position with The Lancaster Trust Company and was identified with that institution in various capacities from check clerk to assistant treasurer until 1919, with the exception of four years as cashier of the Mountville National Bank from 1900 to 1904.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on March 11, 1909; elected Junior Warden December, 1913; Senior Warden December, 1914, and Worshipful Master December, 1915.

He is also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar; Lancaster Lodge of Perfection and Harrisburg Consistory, A. A. S. R.

MARTIN W. WITMER

[W. M., 1916 to 1917]

Martin Weaver Witmer was born June 25, 1877, near Hinkletown, Lancaster county, Pa., ninth child of David Stauffer Witmer and Mary Weaver Witmer, both Pennsylvania Germans of the Mennonite faith, whose ancestors migrated to Pennsylvania from the Palatinate in Germany. His father was a wagonmaker and small farmer, and although Brother Witmer never learned the trade, he was taught the practical use of certain tools which later made their symbolic meaning all the more significant.

At the age of five years he was sent to the Linden Grove school in Earl township, a short distance from his home, where he had the advantage of learning English, the general family conversation being Pennsylvania German. At the age of fourteen he entered the Hinkletown Secondary School for two years, where he had an inspiring teacher who encouraged him in the ambition to teach and public speaking. Taking a teacher's examination he was granted a certificate, and was elected to teach in the primary school at Martindale, where he remained for six years. Having a desire to attend college, after some private tutoring, he entered Franklin & Marshall Academy, and after two spring and summer terms he received his diploma. In the fall of 1900 he entered Franklin & Marshall College, from which institution he graduated in 1904 with the A.B. degree, and again returned to teaching; this time at Union Seminary, a preparatory school at New Berlin, Union county, Pa., for three years. In the fall of 1907 he was called to the teaching staff of Franklin & Marshall Academy as instructor in English. In 1913 he began graduate work in the University of Pennsylvania, commuting from Lancaster on Saturdays. In the summer of 1920 Brother Witmer joined the faculty of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., in the English department, where he is still professionally located as Professor of Rhetoric.

In the summer of 1912, Brother Witmer traveled in England, Scotland and France, visiting many famous literary and Masonic shrines, and saw some of the precious historic landmarks of the Fraternity both in Yorkshire and Scotland.

Brother Witmer was married to Miss Laura Aurand, of New Berlin, Pa., in 1913. Two daughters were born of this union.

Brother Witmer is affiliated with Trinity Reformed Church at Collegeville, being a member of the Consistory, and for eight or nine years taught the Men's Bible Class of that Church. Also a member of the School Directors of the Borough of Trappe, which adjoins Collegeville.

Brother Witmer was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, April 13, 1910, and after filling the various appointive offices of the Lodge was elected Junior Warden December 9, 1914; Senior Warden December 8, 1915, and Worshipful Master December 13, 1916. Later he served as Chaplain of the Lodge, and also served as instructor in the Lancaster County School of Masonic Instruction, and on various Lodge Committees.

Brother Witmer, as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, presided in the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the initiation of Past Master Brother James Buchanan into Lodge No. 43, which was observed February 17, 1917; also later in the year welcomed Brother William Howard Taft, former President of the United States, as a visitor to Lodge No. 43.

PAUL B. HESS

[W. M., 1917 to 1918]

Paul Brown Hess was born in Brownstown, Lancaster county, Pa., in 1886, son of John M. and Lottie Hess. He received his early education in the public schools of Brownstown. In 1905 he graduated from the Pennsylvania Business College, Lancaster, Pa., and the same year secured a position as bookkeeper and stenographer in the office of the New Holland Machine Company, New Holland, Pa. Five years later he became Secretary-Treasurer of the Company, finally becoming General Manager, which position he occupied at the time of his death. He was also instrumental in establishing an ice manufacturing plant and cold storage in the Borough.

Brother Hess was active in all the civic affairs of the Borough, and during the World War was District Chairman of the Liberty Loan drive, and Secretary of the Lancaster Liberty Loan Club Association at his death. He was a Director of the local Building and Loan Association and of the Lancaster Automobile Club. He also served in the Borough Council, being President of that body for some time.

Brother Hess was married to Miss Mazie L. Ranck of New Holland, Pa. He was affiliated with Trinity Lutheran Church of the Borough. His death, which occurred August 13, 1926, resulted from the effects of a fall at the ice plant, in which he sustained injuries to the spinal cord which proved fatal. His body was interred in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, New Holland.

Brother Hess was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 January 13, 1910; elected Junior Warden December 8, 1915; Senior Warden December 13, 1916, and Worshipful Master December 12, 1917.

He was also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters, and Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, all of Lancaster, Pa.; a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, and Philadelphia Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R.; a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. Shrine, Reading; Lancaster County Shrine Club and Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Lancaster, Pa.

PARIS F. SNYDER

[W. M., 1918 to 1919]

Paris Flory Snyder was born on his father's farm near the site of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in West

Donegal township, Lancaster county, Pa., January 12, 1885, attending the public schools of that township and subsequently graduating at the Maytown High School in East Donegal township.

April, 1903, he entered the Union National Mount Joy Bank as a clerk and served in that capacity until January, 1904, when he became bookkeeper in the Columbia Trust Company, where he remained almost four years. He then served as teller in the First National Bank of Marietta for one year, when he organized and was cashier of the Lititz Springs National Bank of Lititz, Pa., for nine years. He entered the employ of the Slaymaker Lock Company of Lancaster as administrative officer from which he resigned to become a State Bank Examiner, subsequently resigning from that position to organize the Agricultural Trust and Savings Company of Lancaster. He served as treasurer and vice-president of this institution for seven years. Since then he has been engaged as life insurance underwriter.

He served as a school director in the Lititz School District for twelve years, during four of which he was President of the Board of Education.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, October 14, 1910, elected Junior Warden in December, 1916; Senior Warden in December, 1917, and Worshipful Master in December, 1918. He was elected a Trustee of the Lodge in December, 1922, and served until December, 1929. He also served as the Principal of the Lancaster County School of Masonic Instruction for several years.

He is a member and Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters; a member of and Past Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, all of Lancaster, Pa.

He was a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, and of Harrisburg Consistory, A. A. S. R.

THEODORE B. APPEL

[W. M., 1919 to 1920]

Theodore B. Appel was born in the city of Lancaster, September 8, 1871, the son of Rev. Dr. Theodore and Susan B. Wolff Appel. Graduated from the Lancaster City High School in 1885 and from Franklin and Marshall College with the degree of A.B. in 1889. The College gave him the degree of A.M. in 1892 and of Sc.D. in 1910.

Graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1894. Interned at the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, until 1896. Practiced medicine and surgery in Lancaster ever since. Became a member of the staff of the Lancaster General Hospital in 1898, and was Medical Director from 1910 to 1920. Since that time has been head of the Maternity Department of the hospital.

President of the Lancaster County Medical Society 1906 and Pennsylvania State Medical Society 1910. Trustee of the latter from 1911 to 1927, with the exception of the time he was in the Army.

During the World War he was commissioned Captain in the Medical Corps June 6, 1917; Major September 18, 1917; Lieutenant-Colonel November 6, 1918, continuing this rank in the Reserve Corps until 1924 when he was commissioned Colonel. He served as Director of Schools of Gas Defense at Forts Harrison and Greenleaf and Surgeon to War Prison Barracks, No. 2, Fort Oglethorpe. Retired on age in 1934.

Elected Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1914, the first so honored from Lancaster. Appointed Secretary of Health of Pennsylvania by Governor Fisher January 18, 1927, continuing in that position under his appointment until January 15, 1935.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 October 16, 1903; elected Junior Warden December 12, 1917; Senior Warden December 11, 1918, and Worshipful Master December 10, 1919.

RUFUS D. HELM

[W. M., 1920 to 1921]

Rufus D. Helm was born December 13, 1868, in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, Pa., the son of Daniel and Susan (Eckman) Helm, natives of Lancaster county. The father was born in 1810 and died in 1904, being engaged in farming most of his life; the mother dying in 1890. He attended the public schools of Strasburg township until securing a position in the Quarryville National Bank, remaining there ten years. He left the bank and moved to the Pacific Coast to remain for six years, working in various positions in Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, when he again resumed his connection with the bank in Quarryville, this time for a period of nine years. At the end of that period, in 1913, he came to Lancaster as treasurer of the Clergymen's Coöperative Beneficial Association and Teachers' Protective Union, which position he occupied until 1924.

In 1920 the Coöperative Casualty Company of America was organized with his aid; later the name was changed to the Pennsylvania Casualty Company, he having served as treasurer until August, 1934. He also was one of the incorporators of the Brewster Company of Reading, Pa.

In 1916 the Helm Candy Company was established, in which he was one of the organizers, and he was intrusted with the official responsibility of Secretary and Treasurer, which offices he still holds.

Brother Helm married in 1907 Minnie Grace Tripple, born in Safe Harbor, Lancaster county, Pa., daughter of the late George A. and Harriet Bowen Tripple. Mrs. Helm died March 9, 1935. They are the parents of one daughter, Harriet Bowen, born January 21, 1910.

Religiously he is affiliated with the Reformed Church.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 June 12, 1914; elected Junior Warden December 11, 1918; Senior Warden December 10, 1919, and Worshipful Master December 8, 1920.

He is also a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters, and Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar. Also a member of the A. A. O. N. M. Shrine.

JAMES B. STAUFFER

[W. M., 1921 to 1922]

James Blaine Stauffer, son of Samuel D. and Annie Bossler Stauffer, was born November 13, 1884, in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, Pa., one mile north of Marietta. When four years of age he moved with his parents to Lancaster, and attended the schools of the city. At the age of sixteen he accepted a position with the Westinghouse Company of Pittsburgh, but was soon transferred to their plant at Newark, N. J., remaining with them for a period of five years, after which he returned to Lancaster, and associated himself with his father in the heating business, in which he continued for the next fifteen years. He was later engaged in the development of suburban real estate. For several years he was Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings for the Lancaster City School Board.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., January 10, 1906, and after passing through the several appointive offices was elected Junior Warden December, 1919; Senior Warden December, 1920, and Worshipful Master December, 1921.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters, and Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar.

WALTER R. MARKLEY

[W. M., 1922 to 1923]

Walter Ronk Markley was born in Lancaster, Pa., January 20, 1885, son of Joseph W. and Mary E. Markley. Both his father, Joseph, and his grandfather, Henry Markley, were long identified with the business life of Lancaster, having conducted grocery stores for many years.

He attended the public schools of Lancaster, graduating from the Lancaster High School in 1901. Soon afterwards he entered newspaper work on *The Examiner*, becoming successively reporter, city editor and managing editor.

In the early days of the automobile he became identified with the good roads movement, and was one of the organizers and editor of the *Good Roads Advocate*, which sought to obtain better road conditions in Lancaster and Chester counties. For a number of years he was in charge of the publicity bureau of the Lancaster Automobile Club. In 1911 he founded *Lancaster Motorist*, being its first editor, continuing in that capacity until 1920. Subsequently he was copy editor of the *Gazette-Times*, Pittsburgh, Pa. He is now connected with the B. F. Barr Nurseries of Lancaster as advertising and sales manager.

He was elected a member of Common Council of Lancaster City for the two-term period prior to the establishment of the new Commission form of city government.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, November 11, 1914; was elected Junior Warden in December, 1920; Senior Warden in December, 1921, and Worshipful Master in December, 1922. When serving as Pursuivant it fell to his honor to introduce former President Brother William H. Taft as a visitor into Lodge No. 43. For a number of years he was Representative to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar; Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R.

He is also a member of Zembo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Harrisburg, and the Tall Cedars of Lancaster.

HOWARD Z. FISHER

[W. M., 1923 to 1924]

Howard Zook Fisher, son of J. Frederick and Emma L. Frailey Fisher, was born in Lancaster, Pa., August 12, 1894.

He was educated in the City Schools of Lancaster, and graduated from the Pennsylvania Industrial Art School in Philadelphia, Pa. Returning again to Philadelphia, he graduated from the Eckels School of Embalming.

Returning to this city he was associated with his father in the undertaking business.

His untimely death was caused by drowning in the Susquehanna River, at Pequea, Sunday afternoon, July 16, 1933, while boating with his youngest son, Richard E. He was buried in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery, this city, July 22, 1933.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 on October 13, 1915, and was raised by his father December 10, 1915; elected Junior Warden December, 1921; Senior Warden December, 1922, and Worshipful Master December, 1923.

He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. and S. M.; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, and Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R., and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading, Pa.

W. ARTHUR ABEL

[W. M., 1924 to 1925]

William Arthur Abel was born August 6, 1895, in Lancaster, Pa., the only son of Frank J. and Elizabeth A. Abel. He attended the public schools of Lancaster, and at the age of fifteen entered the employ of the Armstrong Cork Company, where he was employed until the time of the writing of this History, with the exception of a period of about twenty-one

months, while he was in the service of the United States Army during the World War.

Being denied the advantages of attending an institution of higher education Brother Abel attended night school, and also completed several correspondence school courses. He was the first person to serve as an apprentice machinist at the Armstrong Cork Company plant in Lancaster, and worked as a machinist about two years after completing his trade, when he was appointed Safety Engineer, being transferred at a later date to the power house and placed in charge of the steam generating plant. In 1928 he was placed in charge of the Salvage and Reclamation Department of the Lancaster factory, and in 1929 he was promoted to the position of Salvage Manager and given charge of salvage operations at all of the domestic factories of the Armstrong Cork Company. In 1932 he was assigned the duties of Assistant Purchasing Agent in charge of engineering purchases in addition to his duties of Salvage Manager.

Brother Abel was confirmed in Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., April 9, 1911, and has filled various offices in the organization of this Church. At the time of the preparation of this History he is a Deacon in the Church Council and Secretary of the Church Service Committee.

He was inducted into service in the United States Army November 3, 1917, and assigned to Company I, 316th Infantry, stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland. On December 12, 1917, he was transferred to Camp Greene located in Charlotte, N. C., and assigned to Headquarters Detachment, 39th Infantry, which is a part of the 4th Division of the Regular Army. He was transferred to the 4th Supply Train a few days later and made a Corporal January 5, 1918, and Sergeant July 26, 1918. Left the United States for overseas duty May 26, 1918, and arrived at Brest, France, fourteen days later and assigned at once to active service with the Fourth Division, taking part in the following offensive drives: Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, as well as the First Army Sector.

After six months of active service in France, the Fourth Division was part of the Army of Occupation in Germany, and after a march through Luxembourg they were stationed at various strategic points, principally in the Marne Valley adjacent to Coblenz, for another eight months, returning to the United States July 29, 1919. The Fourth Supply Train having been disbanded upon the return of the Fourth Division to the United States Brother Abel was sent to Camp Dodge, Iowa, to assist in completing the records, returning to Camp Dix, New Jersey, from which he received his honorable discharge August 9, 1919.

Brother Abel was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., October 13; passed November 10, and raised December 15, 1916. After completing his military service he was appointed Pursuivant, and after filling the various appointed offices he was elected and served as Junior Warden 1923; Senior Warden 1924, and Worshipful Master 1925. He is now Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Lodge.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, having received the several Degrees May 19, and June 16, 1921, passed through the various

appointed offices and was elected and served as Scribe 1931; King 1932 and Most Excellent High Priest 1933. He is now Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Chapter.

He received the Cryptic Degrees in Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters January 16, 1922, served in the various appointed offices and was elected and served as Principal Conductor of Work 1929; Deputy Illustrious Master 1930 and Thrice Illustrious Master 1931.

In Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, he was constituted a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross October 27, 1921, created a Knight Templar March 24, 1922, and installed a Knight of Malta January 26, 1922.

On March 8, 1918, while in Buffalo, N. Y., on duty with the United States Army, Brother Abel was made a member of Buffalo Consistory, A. A. S. R., and prerequisite bodies of the Rite, demitting from same in 1922 when he was elected to membership in Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, February 14, 1922. Elected Junior Warden May, 1927; Senior Warden May, 1928; Deputy Master May, 1929 and Thrice Potent Master May, 1930.

Elected to Membership in Harrisburg Council Princes of Jerusalem, Harrisburg Chapter Rose Croix and Harrisburg Consistory April 14, 1922; filled various appointed offices in Harrisburg Council Princes of Jerusalem, elected Junior Warden May, 1930; Senior Warden 1931; High Priest 1932, and served as Sovereign Prince from May 12, 1933, to May 11, 1934.

Elected a Tall Cedar in Lancaster Forest, No. 27, Tall Cedars of Lebanon April 24, 1917. Elected and served as Grand Tall Cedar for the year 1928.

Member of Zembo Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Harrisburg, Pa., since June 1, 1920.

BENJAMIN B. HERR

[W. M., 1925 to 1926]

Benjamin B. Herr was born in West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., August 22, 1888. He was left fatherless in 1890, at which time his mother moved to her home in East Hempfield township, near Rohrerstown. His early years were spent on his maternal grandfather's farm. His early education was received in the public schools of East Hempfield township. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall Academy in 1905; taught for two years in West Hempfield township; entered Franklin and Marshall College and was graduated in 1911 with the A.B. degree. After graduation he taught science and mathematics in the high schools of Columbia and Bethlehem. In 1916 he came to the Boys' High School, Lancaster, as head of the science department. He received the M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1919, and at the same time a diploma from Teachers College as "A Superintendent of Schools." Since 1932 he has been Principal of the Lancaster Boys' High School.

He is a member of various educational and scientific organizations, and also of the honorary forensic fraternity "Tau Kappa Alpha."

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, May, 1918; served as Junior Warden in 1924; as Senior Warden in 1925 and Worshipful Master in 1926. He was always interested in the Masonic School of Instruction and served as Principal of the School in 1927. In 1928 he was first appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1, and has continued to serve in this capacity.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, R., S. E. & S. M.; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar; Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, and Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, and Zembo Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., and the Lancaster County Shrine Club.

CARL W. ERNST

[W. M., 1926 to 1927]

Carl W. Ernst was born in the city of Lancaster, Pa., December 5, 1887. He attended the public schools of the city, graduating from the Lancaster High School in June, 1905. Early in July of that year he secured a position as clerk in the shoe department of the H. S. Williamson Department Store, remaining with that firm and its successor, Foster & Cochran, for a number of years, when he procured a like position with the firm of Sayres, Scheid & Sweeton.

In November, 1912, he received an appointment in the Postal Service in the Lancaster Post Office under Postmaster Harry L. Trout, which position he now holds, having served twenty-three years under Postmasters Harry L. Trout, Lewis Spencer, Edwin L. Whitson, Charles Stormfeltz and Charles M. Howell.

He is married and has two children, a son and a daughter. He is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., where he has served four years as a Deacon on the official board, which office he now holds.

He was Principal of the Lancaster County Masonic School of Instruction for a period of five years, one year in 1922 and four years from 1928 to 1931 inclusive.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, January 13, 1915; was elected Junior Warden in December, 1924; Senior Warden in December, 1925, and Worshipful Master in December, 1926.

He was the first Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43 to hold religious services in the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, which event took place in September, 1927. During his term of office the bronze tablet, bearing the names of the brethren of all the Masonic Bodies in Lancaster who served in the World War, was placed on the west wall of the Lodge Room; later, owing to alterations in the room it was removed to its present location at the head of the stairs.

LAWTON W. FLEMING

[W. M., 1927 to 1928]

Lawton W. Fleming was born in the city of Lancaster, Pa., October 19, 1892. He received his early education in the public schools of Lancaster, removing to Harrisburg, Pa., 1907, where he was graduated from the Central High School in 1911, after which he entered the banking business. Returning to Lancaster in 1913, he accepted the position of teller with the Union Trust Company, located on East King Street.

Enlisted April 13, 1917, during the World War, as Chief Yeoman in the United States Navy. For faithful and diligent service rose to the rank of Paymaster (Ensign), U. S. N. R. F., Class No. 2. He was honorably discharged from the service April 12, 1921, after which he reëntered the banking business, at the same time studying law. He was later identified with several business enterprises.

Brother Fleming was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 November 18, 1918, by Special Dispensation, regularly entered, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on the same date. He was elected Junior Warden December, 1925; Senior Warden December, 1926, and Worshipful Master December, 1927. He became a Life Member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., May 8, 1929.

He is a member of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°; DeJoinville Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix, 18°; Philadelphia Consistory S. P. R. S., 32°. Was a member of LuLu Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., from which he demitted to Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa., also a member of Lancaster County Shrine Club.

He is also a member of Lancaster Lodge, No. 134, B. P. O. Elks; American Legion Post No. 34, Lancaster, Pa.; Washington Camp No. 557, P. O. S. A.; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Lancaster Forest, No. 27, serving as its Scribe for the past six years.

JOHN W. WOLF

[W. M., 1928 to 1929]

John Werner Wolf was born in the city of Lancaster, January 24, 1896, the son of Elsworth L. and Clara B. Wolf. He was educated in the public schools of the city, graduating from the Boys' High School. After graduation he entered the employ of the Bearings Company of America, Lancaster, Pa., where he is now engaged as the Purchasing Agent.

He was initiated into Lodge No. 43, November 14, 1919, and after occupying the several appointive offices was elected Junior Warden December 8, 1926; Senior Warden December 14, 1927, and Worshipful Master December 12, 1928.

JAMES W. WILLIAMS

[W. M., 1929 to 1930]

James Walker Williams was born in Waterford, Loudoun county, Va., March 26, 1890, the son of James Walker and Hannah C. Williams.

Upon the death of his parents he moved North and grew up with his grandparents in New Jersey. He was educated at George School and the University of Pennsylvania. November 8, 1913, married Ester Stover, daughter of Ella Lloyd and Henry C. Stover, Past Master, Frenchtown, N. J. Three children were born from this union, James Walker, III, Robert Thomas and Mary Ellen Williams.

During the World War he served as a civilian at the Woodbury Bag Loading (powder) Plant, Woodbury, N. J.

While in Lancaster he was active in the Boy Scouts—Scout Master, Committeeman, and member of the County Council. A member of Rotary Club 1931–1933. Automobile salesman and dealer in automobile products. At this time he is distributor, Automobile Division, Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Company, located in New Jersey.

Brother Williams was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, January 20, 1922; elected Junior Warden December, 1927; Senior Warden December, 1928, and Worshipful Master December, 1929.

BENJAMIN F. ADAMS

[W. M., 1930 to 1931]

Benjamin Franklin Adams was born in the city of Lancaster, November 21, 1897, son of Charles F. and M. Katherine Adams. He attended the public schools of Lancaster, Franklin & Marshall Academy, Franklin & Marshall College, receiving the Degree of Bachelor of Science in 1919. Entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1919, and received the Degree of Master of Science in 1922 for work in Chemistry.

On the death of his father in 1923, he engaged in the manufacturing confectionery business with his two brothers and mother, continuing the business established by his father. This business was discontinued in January, 1934. He entered the employ of the Armstrong Cork Company, March 1, 1934, as Chemist in their Research Laboratory, where he is now employed.

He was married April 28, 1926, to Katheryn E. Hardy, and from this union two children were born, a daughter and son.

During the World War he enlisted in the Students' Army Training Corps at Plattsburgh, N. Y., on July 18, 1918, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the United States Army on September 26, 1918. Served from that time until December 6, 1918, in the Infantry Replacement and Training Corps at Camp Grant, Ill., receiving honorable discharge from the service on that date.

His father, Charles F., and two brothers, Carl F. and Harold Adams, are also members of Lodge No. 43.

Brother Adams was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 June 10, 1921; received the Fellow Craft Degree September 14, 1921, and was raised a Master Mason September 16, 1921. After serving the appointive offices of the Lodge he was elected Junior Warden December 12, 1928; Senior Warden December 11, 1929, and Worshipful Master December

10, 1930. He was elected Treasurer of the Lodge April 11, 1934, serving to this time.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and was Most Excellent High Priest 1933–1934; Trustee 1934–1935. Member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, acting Treasurer March, 1934, to May, 1934, elected Treasurer April 26, 1934, serving to this time.

He is a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Harrisburg Consistory, 32°. Also a member of Zembo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Harrisburg, Pa.

He is a member of the Lancaster County School of Masonic Instruction since 1923. Principal during 1930, and from 1932 to the present time.

GUY R. SMELTZ

[W. M., 1931 to 1932]

Guy R. Smeltz was born in Wiconisco, Dauphin county, Pa., October 15, 1898. He was educated in the public schools of Wiconisco and at the Lancaster Business College, Lancaster, Pa., afterwards attending New York University, New York City.

At the present time he is employed by the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, as Special Agent, with offices in the Fulton Building.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 May 18, 1923; elected Junior Warden in December, 1929; Senior Warden December, 1930, and Worshipful Master December, 1931.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar; also a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R.

JOHN W. WEAVER

[W. M., 1932 to 1933]

John William Weaver was born in the city of Lancaster, October 4, 1897, the son of George R. and Mary M. Weaver, and the grandson of John E. Weaver, who was a member of Lodge No. 43. He received the usual schooling in the city schools and in Franklin & Marshall Academy, Lancaster, Pa.

Upon the United States' entry in the World War he enlisted in the United States Navy. After serving some time he received a Commission as Ensign. He was attached to various stations in the Fourth and Fifth Naval Districts; served as executive officer of a submarine patrol boat, and did boarding duty off the Delaware Capes, later became the navigating officer of the U.S.S. *Celtic*, and saw service in the Adriatic, Mediterranean, Irish and North Seas. He remained on the same ship

and went with the fleet to the Pacific in 1919, where he resigned to enter the Merchant Marine, serving as second officer. He remained at sea and abroad for more than a year.

In 1921 he returned to Lancaster and entered the employ of *The Examiner-New Era* in the advertising department, remaining on the paper through its merge into Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., until 1931, when he resigned and became associated with the Lancaster Wholesale Grocery Company, as manager of the Lanco Service Stores, the position he now holds.

He is an active member of the American Legion, the Lancaster Lions Club, and the Lancaster County Council of Boy Scouts of America.

He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 April 12, 1922, elected Junior Warden December 10, 1930, Senior Warden December 9, 1931, and Worshipful Master December 14, 1932.

He is affiliated with Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, and Harrisburg Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R.

OLIN K. ZOOK

[W. M., 1933 to 1934]

Olin Karnes Zook, son of the late John Eckert and Mary Elizabeth (Kellenberger) Zook, was born May 31, 1899, at Intercourse, Leacock township, Lancaster county, Pa. Graduate of the Pennsylvania Business College, Lancaster, Pa. Member of the Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa. Married January 23, 1924, to Ethel May McCann.

Had been employed as Manifest Clerk of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, Coatesville, Pa.; Assistant Manager Weavers' Office, Stehli Silks Corporation, Lancaster; Chief Clerk Department of Streets and Public Improvements of the City of Lancaster. At present he is General Manager of the Mack Coffee House, Lancaster, Pa.

Brother Zook was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, February 11, 1925; elected Junior Warden December, 1931; Senior Warden December, 1932, and Worshipful Master December, 1933.

He is a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Harrisburg Consistory A. A. S. R., 32°; Rajah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading, Pa., Lancaster County Shrine Club.

Chairman of the Advisory Council of Lancaster Chapter Order of DeMolay for Boys. Lancaster Forest, No. 27, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

ROBERT H. FISHER

[W. M., 1934 to 1935]

Robert Herchelroth Fisher was born January 31, 1904, son of George H. Fisher, member of Lodge No. 43, and grandson of George L. Fisher, member of Lodge No. 43 and Tyler, and Custodian of the Lodge

property for some years. He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster city and graduate of Yeates School and attended Franklin & Marshall College.

He has been engaged in the automotive accessory and equipment jobbing business. At present he is a partner in the Auto Equipment Company, jobbing outlet of auto supplies and equipment.

He was made a member of Lodge No. 43, March 11, 1925. Elected Junior Warden December 14, 1932; Senior Warden December 13, 1933, and Worshipful Master December 12, 1934.

He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar; Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, all of Lancaster; also a member of Rajah Temple A. A. O. N. M. Shrine, Reading, and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Lancaster.

ROY H. MORTON

[Senior Warden]

Roy L. Morton was born in Lancaster, Pa., August 23, 1900, son of Charles M. and Elizabeth B. Morton. Educated in the common schools, graduated from Lancaster High School, and attended Franklin & Marshall College. Served in the United States Army during the World War, and Civil Service at the United States Expeditionary Depot at Colgate, Maryland. Employed by the Hamilton Watch Company until 1931, and since that time Assistant Sales Manager of the Moore Dairy, Lancaster, Pa.

Made a Mason in Lodge No. 43 February 13, 1925; elected Junior Warden December, 1933, and Senior Warden in 1934.

He is a member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, and Reading Consistory A. A. S. R., 32°. A member of Rajah Temple A. A. O. N. M. S.

ALBERT L. EINOLF

[Junior Warden]

Albert L. Einolf was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, on June 15, 1901, where his parents were engaged in business. Early in his life the family came to Lancaster, where he received his education, having been graduated from the Lancaster High School in 1919. For the past eleven years he has been identified with the Conestoga National Bank, where he is employed as a Teller at the present time.

Brother Einolf was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, 1924, and elected Junior Warden in December, 1934. At the present time he is Treasurer of the Lancaster County Masonic School of Instruction.

LIST OF MEMBERS

OF

LODGE No. 43, F. & A. M.

1785 to 1935

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

Stephen Chambers,	St. J. E.	1785	to St. J. B.	1787
John Doyle,	St. J. B.	1787	" St. J. E.	1788
James Moore,	St. J. E.	1788	" St. J. B.	1790
Solomon Etting,	St. J. B.	1790	" "	1791
Charles Smith,	"	1791	" "	1792
Mathew Barton,	"	1792	" St. J. E.	1792
James Gamble,	St. J. E.	1792	" St. J. B.	1793
Wm. Kirkpatrick,	St. J. B.	1793	" "	1794
Peter Getz,	"	1794	" St. J. E.	1794
William Kirkpatrick,	St. J. E.	1794	" "	1795
Jeremiah Mosher,	"	1795	" St. J. B.	1796
Jacob Carpenter,	St. J. B.	1796	" St. J. E.	1796
John Morris,	St. J. E.	1796	" St. J. B.	1797
John Miller,	St. J. B.	1797	" St. J. E.	1797
Jacob Carpenter,	St. J. E.	1797	" "	1798
William Kirkpatrick,	"	1798	" St. J. B.	1799
Abraham Henry,	St. J. B.	1799	" St. J. E.	1799
William Kirkpatrick,	St. J. E.	1799	" "	1800
Jacob Carpenter,	"	1800	" St. J. B.	1802
Benj. West Henry,	St. J. B.	1802	" "	1803
William Kirkpatrick,	"	1803	" St. J. E.	1806
Robert McElwee,	St. J. E.	1806	" "	1808
William Kirkpatrick,	"	1808	" "	1809
Jeremiah Mosher,	"	1809	" St. J. B.	1811
William Hamilton,	"	1811	" St. J. E.	1812
Samuel Humes,	"	1812	" St. J. B.	1813
Nathaniel Lightner,	St. J. B.	1813	" St. J. E.	1814
Molton C. Rogers,	St. J. E.	1814	" "	1815
John Reynolds,	"	1815	" "	1816
George N. Whitaker,	"	1816	" "	1818
Thomas Jeffries,	"	1818	" "	1819
George B. Porter,	"	1819	" "	1821
Henry Keffer,	"	1821	" "	1822

James Buchanan,	St. J. E.	1822	to St. J. E.	1823
Ebenezer Wright was elected 1823, but did not serve in consequence of his withdrawal from the Lodge.				
George H. Whitaker,	Mar. 10,	1824	to St. J. E.	1824
Jasper Slaymaker,	St. J. E.	1824	" "	1825
Ebenezer Wright,	"	1825	" "	1827
Mathew McKelly,	"	1826	" "	1826
John Mathiott,	"	1827	" "	1828
John Landis,	"	1828	" "	1829
Abner Thomas,	"	1829	" June 9,	1830
Henry Keffer,	"	1830	" Nov.,	1833
Thomas Jeffries,	"	1833	" St. J. E.	1834
Alexander Miller,	"	1834	" "	1835
Robert Moderwell,	"	1835	" "	1837
Elijah McLenegan,	"	1837	" "	1838
Jacob Albright,	"	1838	" "	1840
Emanuel Schaeffer,	"	1840	" "	1841
Joseph Mosher,	"	1841	" "	1842
George B. Kerfoot,	"	1842	" "	1844
J. Henry Brown,	"	1844	" "	1845
James Regan,	"	1845	" "	1846
Robert Moderwell,	"	1846	" "	1847
Charles E. Wentz,	"	1847	" "	1849
Junius B. Kaufman,	"	1849	" "	1851
John Jacob Keller,	"	1851	" "	1852
Charles M. Howell,	"	1852	" "	1853
Charles W. Cooper,	"	1853	" "	1854
Charles M. Howell,	"	1854	" "	1855
John McCalla,	"	1855	" "	1856
John J. Sprenger,	"	1856	" "	1857
Elam D. Hurst,	"	1857	" "	1858
Henry Baumgardner,	"	1858	" "	1859
John L. Atlee, Jr.,	"	1859	" "	1860
George M. Kline,	"	1860	" "	1861
William A. Atlee,	"	1861	" "	1862
Henry Carpenter,	"	1862	" "	1863
Frederick S. Albright,	"	1863	" "	1864
Henry Baumgardner,	"	1864	" "	1865
William E. Heinitsh,	"	1865	" "	1866
William A. Morton,	"	1866	" "	1867
Samuel H. Reynolds,	"	1867	" "	1868
David N. Russel,	"	1868	" "	1869
Adam Z. Ringwalt,	"	1869	" "	1870
George K. Reed,	"	1870	" "	1871
William A. Wilson,	"	1871	" "	1872
Jeremiah Rohrer,	"	1872	" "	1873
B. Frank Breneman,	"	1873	" "	1874
John B. Warfel,	"	1874	" "	1875

George R. Welchans,	St. J. E.	1875	to St. J. E.		1876
James P. Wickersham,	"	1876	"	"	1877
Henry P. Eichler,	"	1877	"	"	1878
William O. Marshall,	"	1878	"	"	1879
John Hull,	"	1879	"	"	1880
Eliphalet Oram Lyte,	"	1880	"	"	1881
Joel S. Eaby,	"	1881	"	"	1882
George A. Marshall,	"	1882	"	"	1883
James B. Strine,	"	1883	"	"	1884
Joshua Louis Lyte,	"	1884	"	"	1885
John C. Carter,	"	1885	"	"	1886
George B. Willson,	"	1886	"	"	1888
George H. Rothermel,	"	1888	"	"	1889
Jacob P. Shirk,	"	1889	"	"	1890
Henry Carpenter,	"	1890	"	"	1891
George R. Rohrer,	"	1891	"	"	1892
John R. Kauffman,	"	1892	"	"	1893
James C. Wiley,	"	1893	"	"	1894
Andrew H. Hershey,	"	1894	"	"	1895
John W. Lansinger,	"	1895	"	"	1896
J. Frederick Fisher,	"	1896	"	"	1897
David E. Long,	"	1897	"	"	1898
Robert W. Groezinger,	"	1898	"	"	1899
Albert D. Pinkham,	"	1899	"	"	1900
William D. Weaver,	"	1900	"	"	1901
William H. Keller,	"	1901	"	"	1902
Frank H. Rudy,	"	1902	"	"	1903
Charles L. Marshall,	"	1903	"	"	1904
J. Frank Stevens,	"	1904	"	"	1905
Herbert C. Miller,	"	1905	"	"	1906
G. Howard Sherts,	"	1906	"	"	1907
D. Sherman Smith,	"	1907	"	"	1908
Washington M. Nixdorf,	"	1908	"	"	1909
Samuel R. Fraim,	"	1909	"	"	1910
Martin M. Harnish,	"	1910	"	"	1911
Thaddeus G. Helm,	"	1911	"	"	1912
John S. Graybill, Jr.,	"	1912	"	"	1913
William J. Steward,	"	1913	"	"	1914
Ira D. Smith,	"	1914	"	"	1915
Clayton S. Mellinger,	"	1915	"	"	1916
Martin W. Witmer,	"	1916	"	"	1917
Paul C. Hess,	"	1917	"	"	1918
Paris F. Snyder,	"	1918	"	"	1919
Theodore B. Appel,	"	1919	"	"	1920
Rufus D. Helm,	"	1920	"	"	1921
James B. Stauffer,	"	1921	"	"	1922
Walter R. Markley,	"	1922	"	"	1923
Howard Z. Fisher,	"	1923	"	"	1924

W. Arthur Abel,	St. J. E.	1924	to St. J. E.	1925
Benjamin B. Herr,	"	1925	" "	1926
Carl W. Ernst,	"	1926	" "	1927
Lawton W. Fleming,	"	1927	" "	1928
John W. Wolf,	"	1928	" "	1929
James W. Williams,	"	1929	" "	1930
Benjamin F. Adams,	"	1930	" "	1931
Guy R. Smeltz,	"	1931	" "	1932
John W. Weaver,	"	1932	" "	1933
Olin K. Zook,	"	1933	" "	1934
Robert H. Fisher,	"	1934	" "	1935

MEMBERS

EXPLANATION OF SIGNS

a.—Admitted. *s.*—Suspended. *dis.*—By dispensation.
e.—Expelled. *d.*—Died. * Active members.
w.—Withdrew.
g. m. s.—In good Masonic standing—not members.

1785

Sept. 14, Stephen Chambers, *d.*
" " John Doyle, *d.*
" " Henry Stuber, *d.*
" " Henry Dering, *d.*
" " Adam Hubley, *w.*
" " Solomon Etting, *w.*
" " William Feltman, *d.*

} Charter Members.

1786

Jan. 12, Frederick Hubley, *w.*
Apr. 22, Jacob Slough.
" " Michael App.
June 14, Alexander Scott, *d.*
" 23, Frederick Mann.
Oct. 5, Richard Grey.
" 14, James Campbell.
Dec. 13, Peter Getz, *s.*

1787

Apr. 11, Charles Smith, *a.*, *w.*
June 13, James Moore, *a.*

1788

July 9, William Ball, *a.*
Aug. 13, Matthew Barton.

1789

Apr. 8, James Boyd, *a.*, *w.*
June 10, Wilder Bevans, *a.*, *s.*
Aug. 12, James Gamble, *a.*
Nov. 11, Wm. Montgomery, *a.*, *s.*

1790

Apr. 14, William Kirkpatrick, *a.*
May 12, Myer Solomon, *a.*
June 9, John Cunningham, *a.*
" " Abraham Henry, *a.*, *d.*
Dec. 27, William Moore, *a.*, *w.*
" " Edward Brian, *a.*, *w.*

1791

Jan. 12, Jeremiah Mosher, *w.*
Nov. 9, Rudolph Kelker.

Nov. 9, Samuel Showers.
Dec. 14, Lewis Lauman.
" " James Burd, *a.*, *w.*

1792

May 8, Philip Dean.
June 13, John Julian Sonnet, *a.*, *d.*
" " Samuel Boyd.
" " J. B. Smith.
Sept. 12, Robert Reed.

1793

Mar. 13, John Meyer, *s.*
Aug. 14, Jacob Carpenter.
Sept. 11, Matthew Henry, *w.*
Nov. 12, William Michael, *a.*
" " John Morris, *w.*
" " Josiah McElwaine.
Dec. 11, John Stone, *w.*

1794

Apr. 9, Henry Wilcocks.
Aug. 13, William Ross.
Sept. 29, John Miller, *w.*
" " Matthias Slough.
" " Christopher Reigart.
Dec. 29, Abraham Breneman, *w.*

1795

Feb. 11, Richard Keys.
" " William Pitt Atlee.
July 7, George Keiss.
" " Jacob Martin.
Sept. 8, Jacob Strickler.
" " Thomas Barber.
Oct. 14, John Kerr.
" " John Musser, *w.*

1796

Jan. 13, William Hamilton, *d.*
Feb. 10, Simon Gratz.
" " Francis Marshall.

1797

Feb. 8, George Ziegler, *d.*
Mar. 8, William Dickson, *d.*
June 14, Nicholas Kohl.
Aug. 9, William Henry.
Oct. 11, William H. Boyd.
Nov. 8, Benjamin West Henry.
Dec. 13, Abraham Witmer.
" 25, William Boyd, Jr., *w.*

1798

Jan. 10, David Crawford, *w.*
Feb. 15, Robert Burns, *a.*, *s.*
Mar. 1, Samuel Jacobs.
May 9, George Miller.

1799

Feb. 13, William C. Frazer, *w.*

1800

Feb. 12, John Lightner.
" " Edwin A. Attlee, *a.*
Sept. 10, Alexander McIntire.
" " John Rohrer.

1801

Jan. 14, Robert Spear.
" " Samuel Massey.
Mar. 11, Joseph Welsh, *s.*
Apr. 8, William Feree.
May 14, Joseph Lefevre, *w.*
" " Peter Fisher.
" " Joel Lightner.

1802

Jan. 13, Emanuel Carpenter, *w.*
July 14, John Gallagher, *w.*
Dec. 8, Elbert H. Halstead.

1803

Jan. 12, Robert McElwee, *a.*, *w.*
Feb. 9, P. Farrelly, *w.*
Oct. 12, Samuel Ramsey, *w.*
" " Jesse Cloud, *w.*
" " Michael Flinn.
Nov. 9, Nathaniel Watson, *w.*
Dec. 14, Samuel Reynolds, *w.*

1804

Jan. 11, William Russell, *w.*
Feb. 8, Abner Webb, *w.*
" " William Henderson, *w.*
Mar. 14, Joshua Bowman, *w.*
May 9, Matthew Houston, *a.*
July 11, Robert Cunningham, *d.*
" " Eli Thomas, *s.*
" " George Eckart, *w.*
" " Isaac W. Vanlear, *w.*

1805

Apr. 10, Jacob Kline, *w.*
Sept. 11, Gustavus Stoy, *w.*
" " William Greer, *w.*

1806

Jan. 8, John Barkman, *w.*
Feb. 12, William Slaymaker, *w.*
Mar. 12, William Lynn.
July 9, Herman Joseph Stocker.
Oct. 8, David Neiss, *a.*, *s.*

1807

Sept. 9, Joseph Ball, *w.*
Nov. 11, Egbert Taylor.
Dec. 9, Charles C. Cole, *a.*, *e.*

1808

Feb. 10, Francis Cezeron, *w.*
July 13, Hugh McCorkle, *w.*
" " Killian Epley, *w.*
" " Joshua Ring, *w.*
" " Stacey Swem, *w.*

1809

Jan. 31, John Dorsey, *dis.*
" " Alexander Ogle, *dis.*
" " Jacob Sherer, *dis.*
Feb. 8, George Nace, *dis.*
" " Frederick Stump.
" 17, Daniel Lefevre.
Mar. 23, Dan'l W. Dingman, *dis.*, *w.*
" " William Binder, *dis.*
Apr. 12, Samuel D. Franks.
" " William Farr, *a.*, *w.*
July 12, James Daly, *a.*
Aug. 9, Benjamin Jordan, *w.*
" " Henry Antes, *w.*
Sept. 13, William Denning, *a.*
Dec. 13, Christian Shenk, *a.*
" " Charles H. Cordes, *a.*, *w.*

1810

Jan. 10, John Weber, *w.*
" 15, Samuel Meeker, *dis.*
" " Henry Wells, *dis.*
" 17, Thomas Campbell, *dis.*
Sept. 12, John Mayweg, *a.*, *e.*
Oct. 10, Oliver L. Dobson.
" " Samuel Humes, *d.*
" " John Pedin, *s.*
Nov. 14, Samuel J. Atlee.

1811

Jan. 9, Jacob Strickler, *w.*
Feb. 13, Samuel Dale, *w.*
Mar. 13, John Barber, *w.*
May 8, John Dicks, *w.*
June 15, Joseph Ellicott, *w.*
July 10, John Frazer, *s.*
" " John Eberle, *s.*
Dec. 11, Daniel Moore, *a.*, *w.*
" 30, John B. Gibson, *a.*, *w.*

1812

Jan. 8, Samuel Pfantz, *a.*, *s.*
" " Samuel Bacon, *w.*
" " Samuel Bawn, *w.*
Feb. 12, Nathaniel Lightner, *w.*
Mar. 11, Benjamin Ober, *w.*
" " John F. Voight, *d.*
" " Henry E. Heinitsh, *s.*
" 23, Molton C. Rogers, *w.*
" " Pelatiah Metcalf, *a.*, *w.*
May 13, Joseph Mosher, *w.*
June 10, William Ferrie, *w.*
Sept. 9, Lewis Levy, *w.*
Oct. 14, Henry Bair, *w.*
Nov. 11, Isaac Warren, *d.*
" " Jacob Bruckman, *w.*
" 16, John Graeff, Jr., *w.*
Dec. 9, John Gamber, *w.*
" " George H. Whitaker, *d.*

1813

Jan. 13, John Reynolds, *d.*
" " Jasper Slaymaker, *d.*
" " William Glenn, *w.*
Feb. 10, William Eberman, *w.*
" " Thomas Jeffries, *d.*
Mar. 10, Ingham Wood, *w.*
May 12, Alexander McElhenny, *w.*
June 9, Henry Shippen, *w.*
Sept. 8, Peter Burke, *s.*
Dec. 13, Isaac Lightner, *w.*

1814

Jan. 12, Joseph Landis, *w.*
June 8, John Neff, *w.*
" " James Jeffries, *w.*
July 13, Jacob Lichty, *s.*
Aug. 10, Samuel Epple, *w.*
" " John Bair, *w.*
Sept. 14, Christian Neff, *e.*
" " John Jeffries, *w.*
Nov. 9, Peter Stehman, *w.*
" " Abraham Wolf, *w.*

1815

Feb. 7, Abraham Musser, *w.*
Mar. 3, Jacob Brenner, *w.*
Apr. 12, Henry Keffer, *w.*
May 10, Michael Wimer, *w.*
" " George B. Porter, *w.*
Aug. 9, Thomas Loyd, *w.*
Sept. 13, John F. Heiss, *w.*
" " Edward Hand, *w.*
Oct. 15, Thomas Yarrell, *w.*
Dec. 13, Emanuel Sheaffer, *d.*

1816

Jan. 10, James Thomas, *a.*, *w.*
" " Frederick D. Hubley, *w.*
Mar. 13, Samuel Greer, *d.*
Apr. 10, Philip Duffield, *w.*
July 10, Henry R. Reed, *w.*
" " Augustus J. Kuhn, *s.*
Dec. 11, Henry Dehuff, *w.*
" " James Buchanan, *d.*

1817

Jan. 8, Samuel Bonham, *w.*
" " David Watson, *w.*
" " Wm. C. Harris, *w.*
Feb. 12, Henry Brien, *a.*, *w.*
Mar. 12, Samuel Bacon, *a.*, *w.*
Sept. 10, Frederick Keller, *w.*
Nov. 12, John Taylor, *w.*

1818

Feb. 11, Bonom Samson, *w.*
Mar. 11, Joseph Ogilby, *w.*
Apr. 8, William Spurrier, *a.*, *w.*
" " George Beckel, *w.*
May 13, John Landis, *w.*
Dec. 9, Marks Groff, *e.*

1819

Feb. 10, Henry Eicholtz, *w.*
Mar. 10, Rudolph Nagle, *s.*
June 9, Ebenezer Wright, *a.*, *d.*
" " Emanuel Erb, *w.*
" " Daniel Fuller, *d.*
" " William H. Brown, *w.*
July 14, James Johnson, *a.*, *w.*
" " Ferdinand Ringel, *w.*
Nov. 10, Arthur Toner.

1820

Feb. 9, James W. Williams, *w.*
" " Daniel Snavely, *d.*
Aug. 9, John Getz, Jr., *a.*, *w.*
Sept. 13, John Moderwell, *s.*
Oct. 11, Abner Thomas, *a.*, *w.*
Nov. 8, Adam Diller, *w.*
Dec. 15, Gorham Paddock, *w.*
" " William Albright, *w.*

1821

Mar. 14, Jacob Albright, *d.*
" " John Brown, *d.*
Sept. 12, Philip Reitzel, *d.*
" " George Young, *w.*
" " Martin Maunderbach, *w.*

1822

Jan. 9, John A. Landis, *w.*
May 8, George W. Jacobs.
Aug. 14, Fred. H. Longerke, *a.*, *d.*
Sept. 11, John Smith, *s.*

1823

Feb. 12, Washington Hopkins, *d.*
May 14, Solomon Boyer, *w.*
Dec. 10, Alexander Miller, *s.*
" " John Matthiot, *d.*

1824

Jan. 14, Matthew McKelly.
Feb. 11, George Kinzer, *w.*
Apr. 14, Christian Eckert, *w.*
" " George B. Withers, *w.*
June 9, George Danner, *w.*

1825

Feb. 12, John Reed.
Mar. 9, Samuel Miller, *w.*
" " John B. Mayer, *w.*
May 11, Michael Greider, *w.*
" " Henry Bruckhart.
June 8, Evan R. Evans, *w.*
Aug. 10, Aaron M. Cooper, *d.*
" " Robert Russell.
" " Cyrus S. Jacobs, *w.*
Oct. 12, John Huber, *d.*

1826

Jan. 11, Robert Moderwell, *d.*
" 31, Thomas B. Barton.
Apr. 15, John K. Kurtz, *w.*
" " John Longenecker, *w.*
June 14, Hopestill B. Blanchard, *w.*
July 12, Samuel Gillis, *s.*
Aug. 9, William Girling, *a.*, *w.*

Aug. 9, George Messenkop, *w.*
Nov. 8, Elijah McLenegan, *a.*, *d.*

1827

Jan. 10, Edw. Hutchinson, *a.*, *w.*
Aug. 8, Oliver B. Harper, *w.*
Sept. 12, John Powell, Jr.
Oct. 10, James Stone, *s.*

1828

May 14, William Taylor.

1829

Mar. 11, John Burk, *w.*
Apr. 8, George Waltz.

1831

Jan. 12, Benjamin Miller.

1833

Nov. 18, John Cromwell, *a.*
" " Thomas J. Barry, *a.*, *d.*
Dec. 11, George Steffee, *w.*
" " William F. Eberman, *w.*

1834

May 14, Wendall Martzall, *w.*
June 11, William Dougherty.
July 16, Augustus Pfenning, *s.*
" " Philip C. Ranninger, *w.*
Aug. 16, Peter Bier, *w.*
Sept. 10, Jacob Garber, *d.*
" 10, Peter Getz.
Dec. 22, Andrew Shindler, *a.*, *s.*
" " H. D. Overholtzer, *a.*, *s.*

1835

Mar. 11, Adam Kendig, *d.*
" " Thomas C. Wiley, *w.*
Apr. 8, Dennis Marrion, *w.*
May 13, John Wineour, *e.*
June 13, Frederick Fick, *s.*
Sept. 9, Daniel Pretzman.
Oct. 14, Clarkson Freeman, Jr., *w.*
Dec. 9, John H. Remley, *s.*
" 28, Edward Dobler, *s.*

1836

Feb. 10, Henry Eicholtz.
Mar. 12, Benedict L. Arthur, *w.*
May 11, Peter A. Suydam, *s.*
June 8, George Hitzelberger, *d.*
" " Jacob Harrington, *s.*
Aug. 10, Frederick Keobler, *w.*
" 15, Michael Williams, *e.*
Sept. 14, John Millinger, *w.*
Nov. 9, George Hinkle, *s.*
" " William Martin, *a.*, *s.*

1837

Feb. 8, Ephraim Bowman, *d.*
Mar. 8, George Winour, *s.*
Apr. 12, Michael O'Brian, *s.*
May 10, William Flick, *d.*
June 14, Philip Hammon, *w.*
" " Octavian Feiler, *w.*
" 21, David A. Donnelly, *w.*
" 22, Moses Goldsmith, *w.*
" " Frederick Reinstine, *w.*
Aug. 9, William W. Strebig, *w.*
Sept. 20, John J. Hartz, *a.*, *w.*
Oct. 11, John M. Heller, *d.*
" " Jacob Herrman, *w.*
" " Landline Himmelsbach, *s.*
" 12, Joseph C. Miller, *s.*
" 16, Caleb Swayhe, *s.*
Nov. 8, Jacob M. Harmony, *s.*
" 13, Matthias Hensler, *d.*
Dec. 6, Samuel Mosser, *w.*
" 27, Andrew Lewis, *w.*
" " Owen Riley, *s.*

1838

Jan. 10, Philip Sullivan, *s.*
" " Christian Gast, *d.*
Feb. 21, Isaac Walker, Jr., *w.*
Mar. 14, George B. Kerfoot, *d.*
" " Albert F. Osterloh, *s.*
" 27, David K. Jeffries, *s.*
Apr. 11, Amos Meredith, *s.*
" " Charles Heissler, *w.*
" 12, David Kendig, *d.*
May 9, Christian Widmyer, *d.*
June 18, David Roth, *d.*
" " Jacob Friend, *s.*
Aug. 3, William Shuler, *d.*
" 8, Barnes Broom, *s.*
" 12, Leonard Keisser, *s.*
Oct. 18, Henry Markee, *s.*
" " Theodore Franks, *w.*
Nov. 4, John H. Albright, *s.*

1839

Feb. 15, Jacob F. Kautz, *s.*
Mar. 13, George Martin, *s.*
July 15, Michael Hartley, *s.*

Sept. 11, William W. Dale, *w.*
" 18, John Fisher, *d.*
" " Jacob F. Miller, *s.*
" " Christopher Sterm, *s.*
Nov. 13, Jacob Broom, *a.*, *w.*
Dec. 11, J. Henry Brown, *w.*

1840

Jan. 8, Levi Hart, *s.*
" " James McGovern, *s.*
" " S. Lilienthal, *s.*
Feb. 12, Daniel Herr, *w.*
Mar. 10, Henry Garrecht, *d.*
" " Henry E. Leman, *w.*
Apr. 8, ———— Barton, *a.*
" " Simon J. Young, *d.*
" " F. J. Deckert, *w.*
" 29, Jacob Miller, *s.*
June 10, Benjamin Kautz, *s.*
" 15, George Wolf, *s.*
" " David Conyngham, *d.*
Sept. 9, Jacob Bundle, *s.*
Oct. 14, Persifer F. Myers, *w.*

1841

Aug. 11, Edwin Jeffries, *w.*
" " Jonathan J. Monaghan, *s.*
Nov. 10, George Kline, *s.*
" " William K. Huffnagle, *w.*
" " John F. Houston, *w.*
Dec. 8, Charles T. Keindopf, *w.*

1842

Jan. 12, John Ball, *w.*
May 11, Wm. C. Chamberlain, *w.*
Dec. 9, Joseph W. Cake.

1843

Mar. 8, Samuel S. Welch, *w.*
July 12, John Mathiot, Jr., *d.*
Aug. 9, Alexander C. Ewing, *w.*
Sept. 13, Abraham N. Breneman, *s.*
Oct. 9, Joseph Harnish, *dis.*, *d.*
" 11, James Regan, *w.*
" " Thomas Pennington, *s.*
" " Joseph M. Newson, *w.*
" " Joshua W. Jack, *s.*
" 18, Charles C. Ihling, *d.*
Nov. 8, Samuel Slokom, *w.*
Dec. 27, Simon H. Hilb, *s.*

1844

Jan. 10, Mordecai M. Moore, *w.*
" " Josiah S. Royal, *w.*
" 17, Simon Leib, *dis.*, *w.*
Feb. 9, Edmund Landes, *w.*
Mar. 18, Graybill Diller, *d.*
" " Ephraim Warmser.
Apr. 10, Samuel Dryfoose, *w.*
May 8, Hanson E. Atkins, *w.*
" " John Scherff, *w.*
" " Joseph Potts, *d.*
" 10, Charles Boughter, *s.*
Aug. 14, Martin Smith, *s.*
" " Gerhard Brand, *s.*
Sept. 11, Daniel Saladin, *s.*
Nov. 13, John J. Porter, *s.*
" " George W. Krous, *s.*

1845

Jan. 8, Jacob Spahr, *w.*
Aug. 13, Horace Haldeman, *w.*
" " Charles J. Barnitz, *s.*
Oct. 8, Hugh Boyle, *s.*
Nov. 14, Abraham Einstine, *w.*
" " Godlieb E. Sehner, *s.*
Dec. 10, Joshua J. Gault, *s*
" " James Stanley, *s.*

1846

Jan. 14, Peter Kimberg, *a.*, *w.*
Feb. 14, Joseph Allison, *s.*
Apr. 8, Levi Boughter, *s.*
May 13, Charles L. Wolf, *s.*
Aug. 12, Cyrus S. Haldeman, *d.*
" " John Auxer, *a.*, *d.*
" " John Barr, *w.*
Sept. 9, James H. Pennell, *w.*
" " Francis Fleury, *s.*
" " Francis K. Curren, *s.*
" 23, David Potts, *d.*
" " John F. Park, *d.*
Oct. 14, George Willson, *a.*, *w.*
" " Edwin Haldeman, *w.*
" " Christian Hoffman, *d.*
" 28, David Royer, *s.*
Nov. 11, David King, *s.*
" 18, Thomas Johnson, *s.*
" " William Gormley, *d.*
Dec. 9, Charles E. Wentz, *d.*

1847

Jan. 12, Jacob Ziegler, *s.*
Feb. 10, Samuel B. Hains, *d.*
" " Emanuel Vankannan, *a.*, *s.*
". 17, Henry Scherff, *d.*
Mar. 10, Junius B. Kaufman, *w.*
May 15, John C. Mickle, *s.*
July 14, J. Daniel Rupp, *a.*, *s.*
" " Henry E. Wolf, *w.*

1848

Jan. 12, John Eckert, *a.*, *w.*
" " Jonas D. Bachman, *s.*
" 20, Granville Hartman, *w.*
" " John Slaughter, *w.*
Feb. 9, Joseph Gormley, *w.*
" " Aaron Eshleman, *s.*
" " John R. Diffenbach, *w.*
" " Thomas C. Smith, *w.*
Apr. 12, John Jacob Keller, *w.*
May 10, John McClure, *s.*
June 14, Henry Rush, *d.*
" " Charles M. Howell, *a.*, *d.*
Aug. 9, William Cummings, *s.*
Oct. 11, George Leonard, *s.*
Dec. 13, Geo. B. Hamilton, *a.*, *w.*

1849

Jan. 10, Frederick Wineower, *s.*
Feb. 14, Jacob M. Westhaeffer, *e.*
Mar. 14, John McCalla, *d.*
June 27, David S. Gloninger.
" " Jonathan S. Beckley.
Aug. 10, Edward Gumman, *dis.*
Oct. 10, Jacob Pugh, *w.*
" " John Hogendobler, *s.*
Nov. 14, Frederick Zarracker, *s.*
" " John W. Witlinger, *s.*
" " Elhanan W. Woods, *w.*
Dec. 6, George W. Baker, *dis.*
" 27, Frederick L. Baker, *w.*

1850

Jan. 9, Andrew P. Waring, *s.*
" " Henry L. Zahm, *s.*
Feb. 13, Charles Melhorn, *s.*
" " Abraham Redsecker, *s.*
Mar. 13, Solomon P. Lindemuth, *s.*
May 8, Mark Connell, *s.*
" " Wesley F. S. Warren, *s.*
" " Lewis H. Bowman, *w.*
May 22, Wendel Holl, *dis.*
June 24, William M. Wiley, *w.*
" 26, Erastus Bowman, *a.*
July 10, Taylor Pierce, *w.*
Sept. 11, William R. Wilson, *s.*
Nov. 13, Caleb B. Pugh, *s.*
" " Lewis F. Levering, *s.*
" 16, Jonathan M. Foltz, *dis.*
Dec. 11, Martin Musser, *d.*

1851

Jan. 8, Jacob Neff, *d.*
" " George Lutz, *d.*
" " William Cross, *w.*
Apr. 9, Samuel E. Keller, *s.*
" " Samuel Hagan, *s.*
" " Levi Summy, *d.*
May 14, John J. Hengener.
" " Robert W. Hudders, *s.*
" " Henry W. Hess, *e.*
June 11, James H. Reigart, *s.*
" 24, George Spurrier, *s.*
July 8, George W. Brown, *d.*
Aug. 13, Jacob M. Strickler, *w.*
" " Davis Duchman, *a.*, *s.*
Sept. 15, Benjamin Mishler, *w.*
Nov. 12, Elias Eaby, *d.*
" " John B. Edwards, *w.*
" " Harris Boardman, *d.*
" " Ephraim C. Ware, *w.*
" " Elam D. Hurst, *d.*
" " Abraham Hendel, *a.*, *d.*
" 17, William Leonard, *g. m. s.*
" " Isadore Bærman, *d.*

1852

Jan. 14, James P. Andrews, *w.*
" " Seth P. Spencer, *d.*
" " John Rees, *d.*
" 19, John Lippincott, *s.*
Feb. 11, Charles W. Cooper, *w.*
" " Horace Rathvon, *d.*
" " Henry Baumgardner, *w.*
" " Charles A. Heinitsh, *d.*
" 23, J. C. McKissick, *d.*
Mar. 10, Samuel Keneagy, *w.*
" " Robert P. Black, *s.*
" " John C. Skiles, *s.*
" " Henry E. Hoover, *s.*
Apr. 14, John B. McConoughy, *w.*

Apr. 14, Emanuel Shober, *d.*
" " Francis H. Wright, *a.*, *w.*
" " John L. Thompson, *s.*
" 15, Christ. H. Breneman, *d.*
May 12, Jacob G. Miller, *d.*
" " Christian Keneagy, *s.*
" " Israel Reinhard, *a.*, *w.*
" " Francis H. Carpenter, *a.*, *s.*
" 14, Christian Kieffer, *s.*
June 9, William S. Amweg, *d.*
" " Adam F. Hambright, *d.*
July 14, Jeremiah B. Stubbs, *w.*
Sept. 8, Wm. Walter Pennell, *w.*
Oct. 14, Samuel D. Fraim, *s.*
Dec. 1, Joseph Samson, *d.*

1853

Jan. 12, Thomas B. Barton, *d.*
Mar. 9, Dana Graham, *d.*
Apr. 12, Jacob B. Amweg, *s.*
" 13, John R. Bitner, *d.*
" " Christ. S. Kauffman, *w.*
" 15, Jacob L. Gross, *dis.*
May 3, Martin S. Lawber, *dis.*
" 11, Henry A. Rockafield, *d.*
" 16, George T. Zahm, *s.*
June 8, John W. Park, *s.*
" " John G. Kleiss, *w.*
" " Henry D. Musselman, *d.*
Aug. 10, John I. Seiling, *a.*, *s.*
Sept. 14, James Cushman, *w.*
" " Benjamin M. Stauffer, *s.*
" " John Jacob Sprenger, *d.*
" " Christian L. Stoner, *s.*
" 19, S. Theodore Hensel, *d.*
Oct. 12, Robert Dunn, *s.*
" " Henry A. Zug, *s.*
Nov. 9, Edward J. Zahm, *g. m. s.*
" " Augustus J. Gable, *d.*
" " James H. Barnes, *s.*
" " John Diamond, *w.*
" 16, John Herr, *s.*
Dec. 14, J. Miller Raub, *w.*
" " Elias Becker, *s.*

1854

Jan. 11, Charles F. Shreiner, *d.*
" " George W. Barkdoll, *w.*
" " Daniel Okeson, *s.*
Feb. 8, John L. Reese, *s.*
Mar. 8, Cyrus Cormany, *a.*, *w.*
" " William A. Morton, *w.*
" " Joseph C. Dickinson, *s.*
June 14, Henry Snyder, *d.*
" " Benjamin Middleton, *w.*
July 12, Thomas Davis, *s.*
" " David H. Powell, *s.*
Aug. 9, Martin B. Witmer, *s.*
" " David Morgan, *w.*
" 16, George W. Porter, *d.*
" " Henry Shaffner, *d.*
" " John Patterson, *s.*
" " Henry S. Shirk, *d.*
Oct. 11, Horace A. Beale, *w.*
" " Richard D. Wells, *w.*
Nov. 8, Michael H. Locher, *s.*
Dec. 13, Oram Quint, *d.*

1855

Jan. 10, Robert Stephenson, *w.*
Feb. 14, Samuel Welchans, *s.*
" " Levi Ricksecker, *w.*
Mar. 14, Jacob R. Long, *d.*
Apr. 11, David Reese, *d.*
July 11, Washington B. Erben, *w.*
" " David N. Russell, *d.*
" " John S. Getz, *s.*
Aug. 8, Levi Snyder, *g. m. s.*
" " John Haar, *d.*
Sept. 12, Ferdinand L. Demuth, *d.*
" " Samuel Black, *w.*
Oct. 10, S. W. P. Boyd, *d.*
Dec. 12, John L. Atlee, Jr., *d.*
" " J. A. Sprenger, *d.*
" " Emanuel Cassel, *s.*
" " George W. Stoner, *s.*
" 27, James C. Biggs, *g. m. s.*

1856

Feb. 13, Charles M. Erben, *d.*
" " Andrew Hershey, *g. m. s.*
" " Pusey Wickersham, *d.*
Mar. 12, Wm. Augustus Atlee, *d.*
" " Samuel M. Reynolds, *w.*
" " Samuel H. Reynolds, *d.*
Apr. 9, Henry Blickenderfer, *d.*
May 14, Henry Carpenter, *d.*
Aug. 13, Owen Hopple, *d.*
" " B. F. Holl, *a.*, *w.*
Sept. 10, George H. Hess, *d.*

Sept. 10, Isaac Hoffer, *w.*
" " Samuel Eby, *d.*
Dec. 10, Isaac Diller, *d.*
" " Charles F. Rengier, *s.*
" " William G. Kendrick, *s.*
" " H. R. Fahnestock, *w.*

1857

Jan. 14, Charles A. Childs, *s.*
Feb. 11, Frederick S. Albright, *w.*
" " George W. Bryan, *w.*
" " William E. Locke, *d.*
" 18, John A. Erben, *s.*
" " Daniel E. Potts, *d.*
Mar. 11, George M. Kline, *w.*
" " Reuben H. Long, *w.*
" " Washington Whitaker, *d.*
" " Tobias H. Miller, *d.*
Apr. 8, George W. Stroman, *s.*
" " John L. Wolf, *w.*
" 15, A. A. Nicoll, *g. m. s.*
" " David Fulton, *g. m. s.*
May 13, John H. Cormany, *w.*
" " A. Hiestand Glatz, *w.*
" 20, Emanuel H. Gast, *d.*
" " Thomas W. Mayhew, *s.*
June 10, John M. Kelly, *s.*
July 8, John C. Walton, *s.*
" " John Martin, *a.*, *w.*
" 29, George Brubaker, *w.*
Aug. 12, Edward W. Swentzel, *w.*
" " William A. Heitshue, *s.*
" " Jacob G. Leber, *a.*, *d.*
" 19, Hiram Young, *w.*
" " Henry C. Biggs, *d.*
" " Benj. G. Hiestand, *g. m. s.*
Sept. 9, H. B. Bowman, *s.*
" 30, William E. Heinitsh, *d.*
Oct. 14, John Dellinger, *d.*
Nov. 11, Jacob Stauffer, *d.*
" " Levi Ellmaker, *w.*

1858

Jan. 13, Henry R. Knotwell, *w.*
" " John Kolp, *d.*
Feb. 10, Pearson E. Gruger, *s.*
" " Edward Carter, *d.*
Mar. 10, George A. Kiehl, *w.*
" " Emlen Franklin, *s.*
Apr. 13, William Morton, *d.*
Apr. 13, Abraham Martin, *w.*
" 19, Godfried M. Zahm, *d.*
May 12, Christ. K. Breneman, *w.*
June 9, Simon W. Raub, *d.*
" " John A. Shultz, *w.*
July 14, George Lauber, *s.*
Aug. 11, Lewis Stevenson, *d.*
" " Henry Bushong, *s.*
Sept. 8, Luther A. Smith, *w.*
" " H. S. Eberly, *s.*
" " John H. Weber, *d.*
" 21, Benjamin M. Greider, *w.*
" " Samuel M. Myers, *d.*
" " J. Q. A. McConkey, *d.*
" " Henry R. Shank, *s.*
" " George Geiger, *d.*
Oct. 25, James R. Patterson, *e.*
Nov. 9, Jacob L. Landis, *s.*
" " Calvin A. Schaffner, *w.*
Dec. 20, Cyrus Blair, *d.*

1859

Feb. 9, Thomas Grieves, *w.*
Mar. 9, John Rankin, *s.*
Apr. 13, Albert G. Sutton, *s.*
" " John H. Smith, *g. m. s.*
" " William Woodcock, *d.*
May 11, Jacob N. Metzger, *w.*
" " Jacob Rotharmel, *d.*
" " Edward Gouldsberry, *s.*
June 8, Jacob Koller, *s.*
" " John P. McCaskey,* *s, a. d.*
July 13, Calvin W. Stewart, *s.*
" " Charles Kelly, *d.*
" " Jason D. Broomell, *w.*
" " Charles Dingee, *d.*
Aug. 10, Frederick Quade, *d.*
Sept. 14, Elijah B. Bull, *s.*
Oct. 12, Christian J. Hiestand, *d.*
" 20, John Wise, *dis.*

1860

Jan. 11, Adam Rudy, *s.*
" " A. G. Groff, *e.*
Feb. 8, John B. McCartney, *s.*
Mar. 14, Frank Darby, *w.*
" " John A. Scheirenbrandt, *s.*
Apr. 11, Samuel Patterson, *w.*
" " Maris V. Kerns, *s.*
" " Conrad Gast, *d.*

Apr. 11, Harvey B. Varns, *s.*
" " John P. Schaum, *d.*
May 9, A. C. Whitmar, *w.*
" " Israel Bushong, *d.*
" " James A. Stone, *d.*
June 13, Jacob G. Peters, *d.*
" " Abraham H. Metzger, *d.*
" " Samuel I. Jones, *s.*
July 11, John N. Eckert, *d.*
" " Frederick Willig, *d.*
" " John S. McIlvane, *w.*
" 19, Lyman Mishler, *dis.*, *d.*
Aug. 8, Martin L. Heiser, *d.*
" " George M. Ettla, *w.*
" " John D. Laverty, *s.*
" " Maxwell K. Ferry, *s.*
Sept. 12, George Voorhis, *dis.*, *a.*, *w.*
" " John S. Keplinger, *s.*
Oct. 10, William H. Elliott, *a.*, *w.*
" " Simon Groh, *w.*
" " William Blickenderfer, *d.*
" " Samuel J. J. Riley, *d.*
" " Charles H. Krider, *w.*
Nov. 14, John K. Raub, *d.*
" " Conrad R. Marks, *s.*
" 21, Samuel C. Harple, *w.*
Dec. 12, Henry M. White, *d.*

1861

Feb. 13, Joseph Cramer, *g. m. s.*
" " Cyrus Cremer, *s.*
" " Jacob R. Barr, *s.*
Mar. 13, Conrad A. Kraus, *d.*
Apr. 22, David W. Patterson, *d.*
May 21, Philip Peters, *d.*
" " Elim G. Snyder, *d.*
June 12, Joshua Leader, *d.*
" " James H. Marshall, *d.*
" " Jacob G. Stehman, *d.*
July 10, Gottlieb Young, *s.*
Aug. 14, John W. Michael, *s.*
Oct. 2, William S. Mellinger, *dis.*

1862

Jan. 8, Thomas M. Coulson, *w.*
" " Michael Fisher, *d.*
Feb. 12, Simon S. Rathvon, *d.*
" " William W. Brown, *s.*
" " Hugh S. Gara, *d.*
Mar. 12, Augustavus Myers, *s.*
Mar. 12, Benjamin Harnish, *s.*
Apr. 9, Amos E. Blair, *d.*
" " Abner D. Campbell, *w.*
June 11, William S. Barr, *w.*
" " Benjamin F. Eberle, *w.*
" " Joseph R. Strickler, *w.*

1863

Jan. 14, Albert G. Killian, *s.*
" " Amos Hollinger, *w.*
" " Henry Marsch, *dis.*
Feb. 11, Wilson H. Gilbert, *w.*
" " Peter Martin, *d.*
" " Samuel G. Sands, *s.*
" " Henry K. Killian, *e.*
" " Jonas W. Raub, *d.*
Mar. 11, John F. Huber, *d.*
Apr. 8, Henry M. Trout, *s.*
" " H. W. Russell, *w.*
" " F. A. Bickell, *w.*
" " Daniel J. Boynton, *s.*
" " Samuel Patterson, *s.*
May 13, Henry S. Mancha, *w.*
" " John Martin, *w.*
June 10, John Deaner, *d.*
" " William D. Kuhn, *d.*
July 7, James G. Lightner, *a.*, *s.*
" " Henry A. Hambright, *a.*, *d.*
" 15, Benjamin C. Kready, *d.*
" " George W. Heckroth, *w.*
" " Philip Frank, *g. m. s.*
Aug. 12, Horatio S. Kerns, *w.*
" " Thomas Coleman, *s.*
Sept. 3, Alfred Hedberg, *dis.*
" 9, John H. Miller, *d.*
" " James R. Garvin, *d.*
" " Edwin Garrett, *w.*
Oct. 14, John P. Weise, *s.*
" " Henry Fisher, *d.*
" " Jacob C. Brubaker, *s.*
" " John B. Albright, *d.*
" " Samuel R. Sample, *w.*
" " Jacob Hollinger, *a.*, *g. m. s.*
" " James H. Raymond, *a.*, *w.*
" 21, Jacob Roberts, *d.*
" " Henry Landis, *w.*
" " Samuel Huber, *s.*
Nov. 4, Oscar Hohein, *d.*
" 11, John McCallister, *g. m. s.*

Nov. 11, William Webb, *w.*
" 18, Henry W. Harberger, *s.*
" " John D. Harrar, *w.*
" " John W. Myers, *d.*
" " Samuel M. Schaeffer, *s.*

1864

Jan. 13, Norris Bernard, *w.*
" " Wm. H. Metzger, *g. m. s.*
" " Joel P. Terry, *s.*
Feb. 10, George W. Shaffner, *w.*
" " George K. Reed, *d.*
" " Jacob W. Bear, *d.*
" " William Johnson, *s.*
" " Charles F. Rees, *a., d.*
" " John Hildebrand, *a., d.*
" 17, John M. Dunlap, *s.*
Mar. 9, Elisha Geiger, *d.*
" " Edwin E. Snyder, *d.*
" " Robert Miller, *d.*
Apr. 13, William C. F. Sheer, *d.*
" " George Pownall, *w.*
" " Joseph Knotwell, *s.*
" " Leonard Pickel, *w.*
" 18, Jacob K. Barr, *d.*
" " William H. Pool, *s.*
" " Philip Bissinger, *w.*
" " Finley Elliott, *d.*
" " John F. Williams, *s.*
" 19, William Powell, *s.*
May 11, Joseph C. Walton, *s.*
" " Silas N. Warfel, *d.*
" " Henry W. Gara, *s.*
" 16, John M. Gorrecht, *w.*
" " Adam Z. Ringwalt, *d.*
" 18, John I. Hartman, *d.*
" 26, H. B. Waltman, *g. m. s.*
June 8, Nathaniel Myers, *d.*
Aug. 10, John Spangler, *w.*
" " Joseph D. Pownall, *w.*
" " Abraham H. Zook, *d.*
" " John B. Miller, *d.*
" " Adam Rutter, *w.*
Sept. 14, David Roth, *w.*
" " Jacob A. Miller, *d.*
" " Oliver W. Snyder, *d.*
" " Henry Doerr, *d.*
" " George Lippold, *w.*
" 19, Thomas J. Davis, *w.*
Sept. 19, W. W. Bones, *w.*
Oct. 12, George Whitson, *s.*
" " Alfred Sanderson, *s.*
" " Jonathan H. Fritz, *w.*
" " Philip Ginder, *d.*
" " Andrew M. Frantz, *s.*
" 19, Charles J. Rhoads, *w.*
" " Jacob L. Stoner, *d.*
" " Herman Miller, *w.*
" " Geo. W. Harberger, *g. m. s.*
" " Josiah H. Shaeffer, *w.*
" 25, George Peiffer, *dis.*
Nov. 9, J. Frederick Sener, *w.*
" " John W. Rich, *w.*
" " F. H. Stauffer, *w.*
" " Clayton M. Foulk, *w.*
" " Samuel Barrowe, *w.*
" 10, William O. Marshall, *d.*
" " Jacob Powell, *w.*
" " William E. Albright, *w.*
" 16, Caleb S. Davis, *w.*
" " Bernard Herzog, *s.*
" " William R. Burns, *d.*
" 22, Clarkson F. Eby, *s.*
" 30, Joseph Umble, *g. m. s.*
Dec. 20, Henry Pownall, *d.*
" " John M. Rutter, *w.*

1865

Jan. 11, Edward Blickenderfer, *s.*
" 16, George F. Sprenger, *d.*
" " Daniel H. Herr, *g. m. s.*
Feb. 8, George W. Derby, *s.*
" " Augustus J. Kuhn, *d.*
Mar. 1, William L. Bear, *g. m. s.*
" " Israel Hanlan, *d.*
" " Christian Hanlan, *w.*
" " Thomas J. Barnes, *s.*
" 8, Octavius J. Morris, *w.*
" " Edward L. Moore, *w.*
" " George Stetzel, *a., d.*
" 16, John M. Stehman, *d.*
" " John S. Lorenz, *g. m. s.*
" " Amos Townsend, Jr., *g. m. s.*
" " John M. Kline, *s.*
" " Emanuel D. Roath, *w.*
" 23, John R. Bricker, *d.*
Apr. 12, Joseph C. Walker, *w.*
" 18, Henry Sholl, *g. m. s.*

Apr. 18, Samuel R. Bear, *d.*
" " Christian Shaeffer, *d.*
May 3, Frederick H. Keller, *w.*
" " Henry H. McCarty, *s.*
" 10, J. R. Townsend, *w.*
" 16, Augustus G. Feather, *e.*
" " John Best, *d.*
" " George Shinton, *w.*
" " Henry H. Underwood, *d.*
June 14, Frederick Smith, *d.*
" 22, Edwin C. Diller, *d.*
Aug. 9, Henry H. Landis, *g. m. s.*
" " Daniel H. Heitshu, *dis.*
Sept. 5, Adam Oblender, *e.*
" " Richard Blickenderfer, *d.*
" " Samuel Nixdorf, *s.*
" 13, Emanuel Gompf, *d.*
" 14, George G. Lauber, *s.*
" " William A. Wilson, *d.*
" 19, Peter W. Gorrecht, *s.*
" " George Wall, *d.*
" " George S. Boone, *g. m. s.*
Oct. 11, John McNair, *d.*
" 17, Peter C. Reinfried, *s.*
" " Abraham Shank, *d.*
" " J. H. Ostermayer, *d.*
" " Lewis Hess, *w.*
" " Henry J. Young, *d.*
Nov. 14, William Z. Sener, *w.*

1866

Jan. 10, James P. Wickersham, *d.*
" " John W. Hess, *d.*
" 16, Thomas D. Kelly, *d.*
" " William Grau, *d.*
" " Leonard Snyder, *d.*
Feb. 14, Thomas Masterson, *s.*
" " Morris E. Shields, *w.*
" " William Martin, *w.*
" 20, Joseph Welchans, *d.*
" " William P. O'Bryon, *s.*
" " Roland H. Brubaker, *d.*
Mar. 14, William H. Sproul, *w.*
" " Daniel R. Fralich, *a., d.*
May 9, Benj. K. Dorwart, *g. m. s.*
" " William J. Kafroth, *d.*
" " Aaron Dissinger, *w.*
" " William H. Thackara, *s.*
June 13, John P. Kilburn, *s.*
June 13, Samuel P. Bower, *d.*
" " Jacob C. Kready, *d.*
" " Samuel Kurtz, *w.*
" " Philip A. Pyle, *w.*
" " Frank P. Lefever, *a., w.*
July 11, Christian G. Herr, *d.*
" 18, Alfred C. Henderson, *d.*
Aug. 8, Christian H. Brady, *s.*
" " J. Harding Gilbert, *d.*
Nov. 20, Frederick Myers, *d.*

1867

Feb. 13, Michael F. Steigerwalt, *d.*
" " Peter W. Hiestand, *d.*
" " John D. Skiles, *d.*
" " James Prangley, *s.*
" " Samuel Burns, *a., d.*
Mar. 13, Theodore Lichtenthaler, *s.*
" " Jacob M. Marks, *d.*
" " George A. Taylor, *w.*
" " John H. Sherry, *w.*
Apr. 10, Adam B. Groff, *s.*
" " Henry E. Carson, *d.*
" " Frederick Sener, *d.*
" " Frederick W. Coonley, *d.*
May 8, Edward McGovern, *d.*
" " Kirk Few, Jr., *s.*
" " H. Austin Brady, *s.*
" " Jonathan Sprecher, *s.*
" " Alfred Kitching, *s.*
" 14, Charles A. Jeffries, *d.*
June 18, John H. Grove, *d.*
" " Charles W. Kreiter, *s.*
" " John McDougal, *s.*
July 10, Elwood Greist, *d.*
" 24, Milton Weidler, *d.*
" " Samuel F. Rathvon, *w.*
" " Charles L. Mast, *s.*
" " David S. Rettew, *d.*
" " George Diller, *d.*
Aug. 14, Charles B. Houston, *d.*
Sept. 11, William D. Stauffer, *d.*
" " Samuel I. Shaffner, *w.*
Oct. 9, Gabriel Gingrich, *w.*
" " William H. Hostetter, *d.*
" " Jacob T. Whitson, *s.*
" " William Young, *d.*
" 22, J. Fleming Slaymaker, *s.*
" " Chas. A. Lichtenthaler, *s.*

Oct. 22, George F. Adams, *d.*
Nov. 13, J. M. Jamison, *w.*
" " Jacob S. Miller, *w.*
" " Adam Geist, *a.*, *d.*
" 21, Jeremiah Rohrer, *d.*
" " George G. Worst, *d.*
" " James B. Strine, *d.*

1868

Jan. 8, Edward Welchans, *w.*
Feb. 12, John L. Benedict, *d.*
" 19, John M. Skiles, *d.*
" " Robert P. Spencer, *d.*
" " Abraham S. Bard, *d.*
" " B. Frank Saylor, *w.*
" " Matthias Vanhorn, *d.*
" 20, Samuel S. Weist, *d.*
" " John W. Mentzer, *s.*
" " Gustavus Groezinger, *d.*
" " Reuben J. Remley, *d.*
Mar. 11, Christian Fate, *d.*
Apr. 8, John Hull, *d.*
June 10, George M. D. Dunlap, *d.*
" " Jacob H. Smith, *s.*
July 8, John B. Warfel, *a.*, *d.*
Aug. 12, Henry Wolf, *d.*
" " Simeon B. Pownall, *w.*
Sept. 9, Joseph E. Risser, *w.*
" " Henry Swentzel, *s.*
Oct. 14, John G. Bowman, *s.*

1869

Jan. 21, William Holtzworth, *s.*
" " Emmanuel D. Killian, *s.*
" " John D. Killian, *w.*
" " John Weidel, *d.*
Feb. 10, Elam Rudy, *d.*
Mar. 10, Charles H. Nauman, *w.*
May 12, B. Frank Breneman, *d.*
July 14, Joseph K. Myers, *s.*
" " James Martin, *s.*
Aug. 11, D. Rhine Hertz, *d.*
Sept. 8, Abraham H. Schenck, *d.*
" " Samuel B. Hartman, *g. m. s.*
" " Samuel Martin, *d.*
Oct. 13, Benjamin F. Stauffer, *d.*
Nov. 10, Thomas Arnold, *a.*, *d.*

1870

Feb. 9, Wm. J. Fordney, *w.*, *a.*, *d.*
" " George H. Rothermel, *d.*
Feb. 9, Andrew Steward, *d.*
Mar. " Jerome B. Shultz, *d.*
" " John Copeland, *d.*
" " Edwin S. Royer, *w.*
Apr. 13, Lewis Brinton, *w.*
May 11, George A. Marshall, *d.*
" 12, George Steinman, *d.*
June 8, William Good, *s.*
Aug. 10, Martin K. Mylin, *d.*
Oct. 12, Henry P. Eichler, *w.*, *a.*, *d.*
Nov. 9, Samuel M. Knox, *s.*

1871

Jan. 11, Robert T. Robinson, *d.*
" " Theodore H. Reed, *s.*
" " George W. Tomlinson, *w.*
Feb. 8, Isaac B. Myer, *s.*
" " Samuel G. Behmer, *d.*
" 28, Samuel H. Welchans, *s.*
Apr. 12, Eliphalet O. Lyte, *d.*
" " Edward Brooks, *d.*
May 10, John K. Stauffer, *w.*
June 14, Jacob F. Frey, *d.*
" 20, George R. Welchans, *d.*
" " Charles W. Metzger, *d.*
" " Frank Pfeifer, *d.*
July 12, Christopher Liller, *d.*
Aug. 10, George W. Miller, *d.*
" " Henry S. Stouffer, *w.*
Sept. 13, Marshall H. Webb, *d.*
" " John K. Brubaker, *w.*
Oct. 13, J. Lane Reed, *w.*
" " John L. Metzger, *w.*
Nov. 9, John C. Swope, *d.*
" " John F. Echternach, *d.*
Dec. 14, John Roland, *d.*
" " William G. Rapp, *d.*
" 15, Christian J. Reiff, *w.*
" " William M. Spera, *w.*

1872

Jan. 12, William Shultz, *e.*
Feb. 14, Isaac M. Stauffer, *w.*
" 15, J. Frederick Gibbs, *s.*
Mar. 14, G. Albert Kemper, *d.*
" " August Schindler, *s.*
Aug. 14, Ephraim Arnold, *w.*
Sept. 11, Joel S. Eaby, *d.*
Oct. 9, Wm. D. Bollinger, *a.*, *d.*
" " John H. Wilmot, *a.*, *g. m. s.*

Nov. 13, George W. Hull, *d.*
" " John F. Reith, *d.*
" " Levi E. Bair, *d.*
Dec. 12, Michael Heckman, *d.*

1873

Jan. 8, W. F. Hambright, *d.*
Mar. 12, William B. Bishop, *w.*
" " Edwin C. Musselman, *d.*
June 11, Samuel Johnson, *d.*
" " Joseph S. Aiken, *s.*
Sept. 10, Harry C. Eagle, *a.*, *w.*
Oct. 8, John L. Arnold, *w.*
Nov. 12, George O. Roland, *d.*

1874

Feb. 11, Charles B. Grubb, *d.*
" " Thomas R. Pixton, *d.*
Mar. 11, Thomas Burrows, *w.*
May 13, Watson H. Miller, *d.*
June 10, Joseph Roop, *d.*
" " Joseph H. Huber, *d.*
Oct. 13, Jacob R. Rutter, *d.*
Dec. 9, William B. Brown, *a.*, *w.*

1875

Jan. 13, Henry Schmitt, *d.*
" " Christian Rowe, *a.*, *w.*
" " S. Clay Miller, *a.*, *d.*
Feb. 10, Henry Gundaker, *d.*
" " Aaron M. Ream, *a.*, *d.*
Mar. 11, George J. Hoover, *a.*, *d.*
" " William N. Knox, *a.*, *d.*
" " Henry S. Rutter, *a.*, *d.*
" " Nicholas Danner, *a.*, *d.*
" " Emanuel Denlinger, *a.*, *d.*
" " Jacob Brua, *a.*, *d.*
May 12, John W. Frantz, *s.*
" " John A. M. Passmore, *w.*
June 9, Amos Silvius, *s.*
" " Martin V. B. Coho, *a.*, *s.*
" " John Evans, Jr., *s.*
Oct. 13, James Reed, *w.*
Nov. 10, Joseph H. Raber, *w.*

1876

Jan. 12, John T. Zimmerman, *d.*
Mar. 8, Alexander Schultz, *a.*, *d.*
Apr. 12, David R. Diffenderffer, *d.*
May 10, James P. Ziegler, *w.*
" " Theodore A. Steiner, *w.*
" " John W. B. Bausman.*
Oct. 11, William C. Eichler, *s.*
" " Joseph M. Breneman, *s.*
Nov. 8, Reah Frazer, *d.*

1877

Feb. 14, Julius Loeb, *d.*
Apr. 11, Rudolph W. Shenk, *d.*
Oct. 10, Henry F. Hartman, *w.*
Nov. 14, John C. Carter, *d.*
" " William H. McConkey, *w.*

1878

Jan. 9, Adam M. Ranck, *w.*
Mar. 13, Henry Yeagley, *a.*, *d.*
" " Charles B. Kauffman, *s.*
Apr. 10, Clayton F. Myers, *d.*
June 12, Adam C. Reinoehl, *d.*
" " David E. Long, *d.*
Oct. 9, H. E. Muhlenberg, *a.*, *d.*
" " George B. Willson, *d.*
" " William S. Roland.*

1879

Jan. 8, James S. Oplinger, *d.*
Feb. 12, Joshua L. Lyte, *e.*
Mar. 12, David S. Murr.*
May 14, Lemuel C. Eby, *d.*
" " Gustav E. Reichman, *a.*, *d.*
" " Levi Snyder, *a.*, *d.*
" " William Riddle, *d.*
June 11, Francis A. Lyte, *w.*
Dec. 10, Jordan R. Foster, *a.*, *d.*

1880

Jan. 14, William F. Fisher, *d.*
Mar. 10, Henry Martin, *d.*

1881

Jan. 24, Jacob B. Rohrer.*
Feb. 9, Jacob Stoner, Jr., *d.*
" " Cornelius F. May.*
May 11, Isaac Bushong, *s.*
Oct. 12, John W. Lansinger, *e.*

1882

Jan. 11, Eberhart J. Lamparter, *d.*
Mar. 8, William T. Jeffries, *d.*
May 10, William C. Buchmiller, *d.*
June 14, Simon B. Hirsh, *d.*
Sept. 13, John E. Weaver, *d.*
Oct. 11, Howard F. Russell, *d.*
" " Steve J. Owens, *d.*
Nov. 8, John S. Wallace, *d.*

Nov. 8, George B. Owen, *d.*
" " Jacob P. Shirk, *d.*
" " Abram P. Shirk, *d.*
" " Frank H. Coble, *d.*
" 29 John C. Spaeth, *s.*

1883

Feb. 14, Arnold Haas, *d.*
Mar. 14, William F. Reynolds, *w.*
" " Henry Carpenter, *d.*
" " William D. Weaver, *a.*, *d.*
Apr. 11, David W. Graybill, *a.**
Sept. 12, Charles F. Riedel, *d.*
" " Samuel H. Price, *d.*
Nov. 14, William Balz, *d.*
" " Witmer J. Hess.*

1884

Mar. 12, George L. Fisher, *d.*
June 11, Frank P. Darlington, *d.*
" " Isaac N. Diller, *d.*
" " Henry B. Keller, *s.*
" " John F. Heinitsh.*
Oct. 8, Michael F. Bowers, *a.**
Nov. 12, J. Frank Keller, *d.*
" " John K. Murry.*

1885

Feb. 11, George R. Rohrer, *d.*
" " William B. Mower, *d.*
Mar. 11, Robert M. Agnew, *d.*
Apr. 8, Edwin C. Steigerwalt.*
May 13, Adam H. Herr.*
June 10, John R. Kauffman.*
" " Benj. S. Schindle, *w.*, *a.*, *d.*
" " Andrew H. Hershey.*
" " Frederick Engle, *d.*
" " John S. Graham, *d.*
Oct. 14, Edward E. McConkey, *d.*
" " Harry Heidenreich, *s.*
Nov. 11, John A. Burger, Jr., *d.*
" " Jacob F. Wolfer, *d.*
" " Emil Meister, *d.*

1886

Apr. 14, Samuel E. Weber, *d.*
May 12, Sam Matt. Fridy, *a.*, *d.*
June 9, Francis J. Arnold, *w.*
Nov. 10, James C. Wiley, *d.*
" " David M. Krick, *s.*
" " Solomon Lesley, *s.*
Nov. 10, Solomon I. Miller.*
Dec. 8, Grant Rohrer, *d.*

1887

Jan. 12, Dawson Spangler, *d.*
Feb. 9, Jacob Fry Seldomridge, *d.*
" " Henry F. Afflebach, *d.*
Mar. 9, Dana H. Graham, *s.*
" " Warren E. Broome, *d.*
Apr. 13, Abraham Keller, *d.*
June 8, Jacob B. Eshleman.*
Oct. 12, Jacob H. Stauffer, *d.*
Nov. 9, Eli Weaver, *d.*

1888

Jan. 12, John W. Lorenz, *d.*
" " Gustavus A. Harmon, *d.*
June 13, Daniel W. Harner, *d.*
" " Charles Konigmacher, *w.*
Sept. 12, Jacob Konigmacher.
" " William Schneider, *e.*

1889

Jan. 9, William C. Alrich.*
" " George A. Shelly, *d.*
Feb. 13, Robert Clark, *d.*
" " Christian Eiseman, *d.*
Mar. 13, John Frederick Fisher.*
Apr. 10, William M. Conyngham.*
" " Jacob P. Hollinger, *d.*
" " William H. Kacy, *d.*
" " Harry C. Seldomridge.*
May 8, William Stansbury, *d.*
June 12, John H. Irwin, *w.*
Nov. 13, William Wohlsen, *d.*

1890

Jan. 8, William S. Seldomridge, *d.*
" " William H. Leevers, *d.*
" " Abraham G. Brosey, *s.*
Mar. 12, Howard Rohrer.*
June 11, Henry E. Musser, *d.*
" " Daniel E. Aukamp.*

1891

Apr. 8, C. Walter Kendig.*
" " Daniel W. Nein.*
Sept. 9, William M. Taggart, *s.*
Oct. 14, Charles G. Groezinger, *d.*

1892

Mar. 9, Robert W. Groezinger.*
" " David Miles Sherts, *d.*

Apr. 3, Harry K. Landis.*
Sept. 14, James H. Warner, *s.*
" " Joseph H. Dubbs, *a.*, *d.*
Oct. 12, Gonsalva D. Bair, *s.*
" " Harry W. Buckius, *d.*

1893

Jan. 11, Albert D. Pinkham.*
Apr. 12, Carl Reese Eaby, *d.*
" " George H. Strickler.*
" " Charles Gable Strickler, *d.*
Sept. 13, Charles C. Herr, *d.*
" " Charles H. Welchans, *d.*
" " D. Sherman Smith.*
" " Albert M. Herr.*
Oct. 12, Simon Shissler.*
" " Robert Robinson, *d.*
" " John L. Groff.*
Nov. 9, Harry S. Immel, *d.*
" " John Franklin Stevens.*

1894

Mar. 14, William B. Noble, *w.*
Apr. 11, Amos H. Landis.*
" " John G. Haas, *d.*
May 9, Milton T. Reeder, *d.*
" " Aaron B. Hassler, *d.*
" " Henry O. Kauffman.*
Nov. 14, Robert Taggert, *s.*

1895

Jan. 9, William H. Keller.*
" " Edgar Brenneman, *d.*
Feb. 13, Gustavus F. Reichman, *d.*
May 8, Albert L. Schaum, *w.*
" " Aaron C. Wade, *d.*
Sept. 11, James W. Vandegrift.*
Oct. 9, George C. Johnson.*
" " William N. Apple.*
Nov. 13, Adolph Gansman.*

1896

Jan. 8, Sherman B. White.*
Feb. 12, Frank H. Rudy, *s.*, *g. m. s.*
" " Charles L. Marshall, *d.*
" " Herbert C. Miller, *d.*
" " John M. Newbold, *a.**
Mar. 11, S. H. Reynolds, *w.*, *a.*, *w.*
" " Harry L. Bowman, *w.*
" " George Howard Sherts, *d.*
June 10, Charles H. Brehm.*
June 10, Charles P. Stamm.*
Nov. 9, Walter A. Heinitsh.*

1897

Feb. 10, Paul Heine.*
Apr. 14, Isidore Rosenthal.*
" " Peter Mohr, *d.*
May 12, Henry K. Denlinger, *w.*
June 9, William C. Grube, *s.*
" " Ezra S. Leinbach, *a.*, *d.*
Sept. 8, J. Newton Stauffer, *d.*
Dec. 10, Scott Guy Seiple, *s.*

1898

Jan. 12, P. Henry Wohlsen.*
" " Thomas S. Hood, *s.*
" " William Kinzer, *s.*
" " Park P. Breneman, *a.*, *d.*
June 8, William A. Adams.*
Oct. 12, William A. Brinkman.*
" " Charles I. Williams, *d.*
Nov. 9, Ernest A. Armstrong, *d.*
" " Park Crawford.*
" " Willard E. Fohl, *d.*

1899

Jan. 11, Charles C. Lehman.*
" " Frank T. Thurlow.*
Feb. 8, Herman Moss.*
Apr. 12, John H. Buttermore, *d.*
" " Monroe B. Hirsh, *d.*
May 10, Henry C. Metzger, *d.*
Sept. 13, Ike France, *d.*
Nov. 8, Ira C. Hiestand, *d.*

1900

Mar. 14, Frederick A. Worden, *s.*
" " John K. Woerth, *d.*
Apr. 4, Jacob S. Hartman.*
" 11, Sigmund I. Moss, *d.*
Sept. 12, Aaron E. Stauffer, *d.*
" " John J. Weh, *d.*
Oct. 10, Henry G. Hoeltzel.*
Dec. 10, George Benkert, *d.*
" " Sidney L. Kistler, *d.*
" " William H. Liller.*

1901

Feb. 13, Eugene H. Henry, *a.**
Mar. 13, Leon G. Dodge.*
" " Alexander S. Moore.*
" " Amos K. Raub, *d.*

Mar. 13, S. Nixon Rowe.*
Apr. 10, Kelsy C. Atticks, *w.*
Sept. 11, John E. Gruel, *e.*
" " J. Lyte Ressler.*
Oct. 9, Byron B. Barton.*
" " Charles F. Mulhattan, *d.*
" " Frank LeS. Weir, *w.*

1902

Jan. 8, Alden M. Alexander, *s.*
Mar. 12, Washington M. Nixdorf, *d.*
Apr. 9, Charles S. Zwalley, *a.**
May 14, Franklin Winger, *a.**
" " Benjamin P. Miller, Jr.*
June 11, Amos L. Eby.*
Sept. 10, Alpheus G. Groff.*
" " Henry Ressler, *d.*
Oct. 8, Abraham G. Groff, *d.*
" " Edwin R. Garvin.*

1903

Jan. 14, E. Francis Creager, *d.*
Mar. 11, T. Wilson Dubbs.*
" " Edward M. Robinson, *d.*
" " Virginius P. Smith.*
Apr. 8, DeWitt C. McLaughlin.*
June 10, Amos Diller, *d.*
" " Seegar Roland.*
" " John S. Graybill, Jr.*
" " Howard S. Rich.*
" " Eli R. Diller.*
" " Abraham L. Pollick, *a.*, *s.*
Sept. 9, Aaron Dresher Smith.*
" " Henry E. Rutter.*
" " Ralph Roland.*
" " Frank Lacey Wright, *a.**
Oct. 14, Philip Nolty.*
" " George Weidler Kinzer, *d.*
" " John Abraham Hoffman.*
" 16, Harry C. Rote.*
" " Theodore B. Appel.*
" " Martin M. Harnish.*
" " Charles F. Adams, *d.*

1904

Jan. 13, Robert H. Wright, *d.*
" " Jesse Brinton Connor.*
Feb. 10, Robert P. Neil, *a.**
" 11, C. Martin Pickel, *d.*
" " Thaddeus G. Helm.*
" " Charles L. Schmidt, *d.*
Feb. 11, Henry F. Maxwell, *d.*
Mar. 9, Frank Alleman.*
Apr. 13, Nathaniel C. Henninger, *d.*
May 11, Samuel R. Fraim.*
May 12, Karl A. Schuberth, *s.*
Sept. 14, Harry Bomberger White.*
" " Samuel G. Elliott.*

1905

Jan. 11, George Lancashire.*
" " Ralph Weber Roseboro.*
" " Frank L. Musselman, *d.*
" " Charles John Brickner, *w.*
" " Daniel Rudy, *d.*
Feb. 8, Elmer Elsworth Helm.*
" " Grabill Bear.*
" " Edward T. Hamilton, *a.*, *w.*
Apr. 12, William E. Harner.*
May 10, Gustavus A. Sauber, *d.*
June 14, William K. Eckert, *d.*
Oct. 11, William A. McGlinn, *d.*
" " Franklin E. Williamson.*
" " Ervin J. Diehl.*
" " William John Steward.*

1906

Jan. 10, Aaron A. Bear, *d.*
" " Howard L. Rutter.*
" " James B. Stauffer.*
" " Charles D. Hubert.*
Feb. 14, John Henry Miller.*
Mar. 14, Abram L. Barr, *d.*
" " William Ruth.*
Apr. 11, W. Stuart Cramer, *d.*
" " Willis G. Kindig.*
Sept. 12, Charles Edgar Roth, *s.*
Oct. 10, Jacob Omer Nissley.*
Nov. 14, Charles Wells Latz.*

1907

Jan. 9, Ellis Bachman, *d.*
" " Joseph Girvin.*
" " Amos Engle Kraybill, *s.*
" " John Otto Wohlsen.*
Feb. 13, John Adam Finger, *d.*
" " Henry Walter, *a.**
Mar. 13, Harry Elias Shaeffer.*
Apr. 10, Everett Sherman Geist.*
" " Harry Martin Shirk.*
" " Daniel Willis Geist.*
" " Paul Robertson Byerly, *w.*

May 8, Theodore Wesley Bare, *w.*
" " Harvey B. Harnish.*
" " John R. Brenner, *d.*
" " Warren F. Bossler, *d.*
" " John Michael Bair.*
Sept. 11, Daniel Grant Glass.*
" " Herman Hoch DeLong.*
" " Samuel K. Abrahims, *d.*
Oct. 9, George W. Strawbridge.*
Nov. 13, John A. Schaeffer.*

1908

Jan. 8, J. Charles Somers.*
" " Harry Royer Mohler.*
Feb. 12, David Stuart Griffits, *d.*
" " Henry Willson Zwally.*
Apr. 8, Joseph Thomas Evans.*
" " David Alfred Robinson.*
May 13, Benjamin E. Kraybill.*
" " Joseph Henry Woods, *d.*
" " Michael G. Garrecht, *a.*, *d.*
Oct. 14, Shriner Groff Groff.*
" " Ira Daniel Smith.*

1909

Jan. 14, Harvey Moras Whiteside.*
" " William Clyde Shissler.*
" " Aaron H. Gilbert, Jr., *d.*
" " Stuart Hamilton Raub, *d.*
" " Charles R. Brenner, *d.*
Feb. 10, Walter King Swords.*
" " William L. Machmer, *w.*
" " Samuel J. Shubrooks, *d.*
Mar. 11, Clair Coho Herr.*
" " Clayton S. Mellinger.*
" " John Beckley Lentz.*
Apr. 14, Witmer S. Haldeman, *s.*
" " William F. Kosmon, *w.*
" " Asher Franklin Snyder.*
May 12, Roland Groff Groff.*
Sept. 8, Edwin Allan Brinkman.*
" " William H. Simpson, *d.*
" " William Yeager Haldy.*
Oct. 13, Samuel E. Fegley.*
" " Charles Frederick Gast.*
" " John Kohr Herr.*
Nov. 10, Christian Künzler.*

1910

Jan. 12, Paul Brown Hess, *d.*
" " Jacob Bomberger Landis.*
Jan. 12, Richard Russell.*
Feb. 9, William G. Brown, *d.*
" " Edwin A. Nace, *w.*
" " Martin Weaver Witmer.*
" " Edward K. Hibshman.*
Apr. 13, Edwin Irvin Noble, *d.*
May 11, Jacob O. Buckwalter, *d.*
" " John Reinhold Eichler.*
" " Henry Charles Shank.*
" " Franklin B. Stauffer, *s.*
" " John M. Tussey.*
Sept. 14, John Showalter Galt.*
" " Chauncey Diller Rutter.*
Oct. " Albert H. Frey.*
" " Henry Clay Miller.*
" " Paris Flory Snyder.*
Nov. 9, Charles Adair Palmer.*
Dec. 16, Henry Irvin Stahr, *w.*

1911

Feb. 8, John Alfred Buchanan, *w.*
" " John William Sommer, *s.*
" " Isaiah Witmer Stehman.*
Mar. 8, P. Winton Bear, *a.*.*
Apr. 12, Frank L. Gunzenhauser.*
June 14, Barton Gabel Good, *d.*
" " William E. Nolty.*
" " George Lehman.*
" " Charles Gerfin Hersh.*
Oct. 11, Leroy M. Herr.*
Nov. 8, John H. Quade.*
" " Charles E. Gunzenhauser.*

1912

Feb. 14, Fred. A. Wheeler, *a.*.*
" " Peter S. Krick, *d.*
" " William E. Davis.*
Mar. 13, William E. Byers.*
" " Charles E. Quade.*
Apr. 10, G. Frank Snyder.*
June 12, Henry P. Eichler, *a.*, *d.*
" " Henry H. Bard.*
Oct. 9, Harry L. McClure, *d.*
" " William C. Riddle, *w.*
" 11, Fred. W. Steigerwalt.*
Nov. 15, William J. Drepperd.*

1913

Mar. 12, James B. Graham.*
Apr. 11, Thomas Baumgardner.*

Apr. 11, Harry C. Myers, *d.*
" " Herbert Gansman.*
May 14, Howard S. Young.*
" 16, Joel L. Haines.*
" " Daniel H. Nissley.*
" " Wallace L. Robinson.*
June 11, Henry Kadel.*
Sept. 10, Warren G. Bucher.*
" " William J. Burns.*
" " Adam B. Hershey.*
" " Charles A. Snyder.*
" " Lloyd B. Brown.*
" " Correll L. Smith, *d.*
Oct. 8, Byron L. Brand.*
Nov. 14, David F. Chambers.*
" " Charles J. Barthel.*
" " Tobias C. Shookers.*
" " E. Stanley Smith.*

1914

Jan. 14, William H. Bordner.*
" " J. Edward DeHaven.*
" 16, Harry E. Brenner, *d.*
" " Earl W. Diffenbaugh.*
Feb. 11, James F. Wild, *a.**
" " Paul F. Esbenshade.*
Apr. 8, Robert L. Baird.*
May 13, George H. Rohrer.*
June 12, George H. Goll.*
" " Rufus D. Helm.*
Oct. 14, Louis J. Vandegrift.*
" " Harry R. Lefever.*
Nov. 11, Albert A. DeBlock.*
" " Walter R. Markley.*

1915

Jan. 13, W. Carl Ernst.*
" " John J. Herman.*
" " Alvey L. Rider, *d.*
Feb. 10, Thomas B. Krick.*
Mar. 10, Martin L. Swope.*
Apr. 14, Ernest Browning.*
" " Simon Walter Raub.*
May 12, Charles W. McGaw.*
Oct. 13, Howard Z. Fisher, *d.*
" " Louis C. Geiss, *s.*
" " Charles M. Jusek, *d.*
" " Frank L. Kohr.*
Nov. 10, Benjamin D. Stein.*

1916

Feb. 9, Daniel S. Keller, *d.*
Mar. 8, William A. Sohl.*
" " Joseph B. Wissler.
" 10, Clarence E. Frey.*
" " D. Raymond Long.*
" " Albert H. Reiser, *d.*
May 10, Harry E. DeHaven.*
June 14, Benjamin F. Kline.*
Oct. 11, John F. Creswell.*
" 13, W. Arthur Abel.*
" " Harry Foltz.*
" " Edward M. Horton.*
Nov. 8, Leigh P. Helm.*
" " Harvey H. Johns.*
" " Fred. O. Peters.*

1917

Jan. 10, Fred. Lomax, *a.*, *d.*
" " Willis A. Schindle.*
Mar. 14, Ralph J. Boyd.*
Apr. 11, Reid M. Graybill.*
" " Roy H. Johns.*
May 11, Howard H. M. Bowman.*
" " Charles F. Weigand.*
Nov. 14, James A. Gilfillan, *d.*
Dec. 21, Stanley N. Mumma.*

1918

Jan. 9, John E. Sherts.*
" 18, George H. Risser.*
Feb. 13, Chester L. Hill, *d.*
" 15, Robert H. Wright, Jr.*
Mar. 13, William H. Hensche.*
" " Paul R. Wentz.*
Apr. 10, Jessie M. Smith.*
" " C. Alfred McGlinn.*
" " J. Harvey Sherts.*
" 12, Ottimer S. Eckert, Jr.*
May 8, Benjamin B. Herr.*
" " John A. Scheffer.*
" 10, John M. Adams.*
June 12, T. Warren Metzger.*
" " Mathias Wurster.*
Nov. 13, Harry E. Wright.*
" " Lawton W. Fleming.*
" 15, J. Harold Flickinger.*
" " Warren L. Martin.*
" 18, Samuel Levitz, *d.*

Nov. 18, Miles B. Wertz.*
Dec. 16, Earl H. Hatton, *s.*

1919

Jan. 9, Elwood W. Groff.*
" " B. Franklin Wohlsen.*
Feb. 12, Franklin K. Brinkman.*
Mar. 12, John B. Bissinger, Jr.*
" " Henry C. Burkholder.*
" " Jacob F. Wolfer, *d.*
" 14, Robert H. Adams.*
" " Charles P. Abraham.*
" " Frank B. Trissler.*
May 16, Harrison S. Good.*
" " John R. Jones.*
June 11, Frank M. Frostburg, *s.*
" 13, George H. Fisher.*
" " Samuel W. Gramm.*
" " Lawrence W. Shirk.*
Sept. 12, Claude Foltz, *s.*
" " Conrad C. Muehe.*
" " Clarence L. Wohlsen.*
Oct. 10, Solomon K. Herr.*
" " Harry Pomerantz.*
Nov. 12, Benjamin H. Hoober.*
" 14, B. Frank Brooks.*
" " J. Raymond Richardson.*
" " Ross W. Singleton.*
" " Samuel C. Pugh.*
" " John Werner Wolf.*
" 28, Howard B. Brady, *d.*
" " Emanuel M. High.*
" " William B. Messenkop.*

1920

Jan. 16, Edward L. Cressman.*
" " Solomon H. Good, *d.*
" " Reah Hollinger.*
" " Charles H. Yohn.*
" 23, Joseph Jacobs.*
" " Howard Mehaffey.*
" " Harry E. Gerlitzki.*
Feb. 11, Harold A. Barr.*
" " Samuel B. Stauffer, *s.*
" 13, Charles G. Watt.*
Mar. 12, Daniel Bork.*
" " H. Lloyd Hess, *s.*
" " Richard P. Aument, *d.*
" " Benjamin F. Painter, Jr.*
" " Meade D. Schaffner.*
Mar. 19, T. Roberts Appel.*
" " William W. Behrens.*
" " Raymond S. Lynch.*
" " William Shand.*
" " George R. Smith.*
Apr. 14, Amos Manahan, *a.*, *d.*
" " Harry D. Wolf.*
" 23, William Brod.*
" " E. Diller Clark.*
" " John A. Nightengale.*
" 26, Edward W. Hite.*
" " Harry B. Lutz.*
" " Charles I. Miller.*
" " John H. Morrison.*
May 12, Harry M. Binkle.*
" " Edgar P. Brock, *s.*
" " James H. Zecher.*
June 15, William J. Foster, *w.*
" " J. Milton Murray.*
" " J. Harold Harbison.*
" 18, C. W. Longenecker.*
" " Howard G. Swarr.*
Sept. 17, William L. Messenkop.*
" " Benjamin F. Walker.*
Oct. 15, J. Howard Heidelbaugh.*
" " Harry C. Newcomer, *d.*
Nov. 10, Benjamin Buyer.*
" " Elmer B. Dissinger, *d.*
" 12, George P. Musselman, *s.*

1921

Jan. 12, John F. Pyfer.*
" " William E. Morton, *a.**
" " Martin L. Wurster.*
" 14, John H. Stehman.*
Feb. 15, Harold Adams.*
" " Roland N. Klemmer.*
" " John H. Watts, *d.*
" " Emlen G. Urban, *s.*
" 18, Benjamin F. Barr.*
" " William S. Dean, Jr., *s.*
" " Isaiah K. Detwiler.*
" " John K. Hoover.*
Mar. 9, George W. Birrell.*
" " Paul C. Gast.*
" " Norman E. Snyder.*
" " Henry L. Worst.*
" 11, Samuel B. Krick.*
" " Cyrus H. Meminger.*

Mar. 11, Christian B. Hebble.*
" " Harry E. Raum.*
" " J. Franklin Sweeton.*
Apr. 13, Arnold R. Freeman, *s.*
" " John S. Ewell.*
" " George H. Bruederly.*
" " Frank A. Diffenbaugh.*
" 19, Donald M. Mylin.*
" " Roland B. Paxon.*
" " George T. Rose, Jr.*
May 11, Harry H. Breneman.*
" " William T. Krick.*
" " Melvin N. Meyer.*
" " Harry E. Schneider.*
" 13, Mylan E. Eckman.*
" " William W. Heidelbaugh.*
" " Floyd W. Stark.*
" 17, Henry A. Rohrer.*
June 10, Benjamin F. Adams.*
" 13, Carl F. Adams.*
" " Roy Andrews.*
" " Warren S. Rehm.*
" " William F. Scheid, *s.*
Sept. 9, Walter W. Posey.*
Oct. 12, Clement R. Mylin.*
" " H. Robert Nein.*
" 14, Peter Mohr, Jr.*
" " James P. Stambaugh.*
Dec. 16, Charles E. Murray.*
" " Charles S. Grube.*

1922

Jan. 11, William E. Baker.*
" " Elmer J. Kandle.*
" 13, Lloyd E. Brookmyer.*
" " George W. Fordney.*
" " John H. Hollinger.*
" " John H. Moedinger.*
" " Samuel M. Sensenig.*
" 20, Walter W. Dorwart.*
" " Elwood C. Raum.*
" " Amos L. Sherts.*
" " James W. Williams.*
Feb. 8, Isaac G. Weidman.*
" 10, Owen P. Bricker.*
" " Aaron H. Francis.*
" " Lloyd B. Mullen.*
" " Andrew G. Truxell.*
Mar. 8, Ramond W. Myers, *s.*
Apr. 12, Isaac S. Bair.*
" " George G. Smith.*
" " John W. Weaver.*
" 14, Walter H. Doner.*
" " Lloyd L. Schaeffer, *d.*
May 10, Lester E. Hite, *s.*
" " Edgar A. Kruger, *s.*
June 14, Harry M. Moore.*
" " Clarence R. Weaver.*
" " John Jay Rohrer.*
Oct. 12, Henry T. Behrens.*
" " D. Irwin Herr.*
" 13, William M. Cooper.*
" " Chester E. Keene.*
" " Lloyd T. McCulley.*
" " Chester V. Smith.*

1923

Jan. 10, Herbert L. S. Harnish.*
" " William K. Henry, *d.*
" " Robert B. Marrow, *d.*
Mar. 14, Frederick W. Surrell, *a.**
" " Aaron C. Hoover.*
" " George H. Otthofer, *s.*
" " Martin D. Rife.*
Apr. 11, Warren B. Bowers.*
" " Gilbert C. Childs, Jr.*
" " Clarence H. Deery.*
" " Benjamin F. Herzog.*
" 13, Allen S. Haines.*
May 9, Martin S. Darmstaetter.*
" " John A. Eckman.*
" " John K. Frank.*
" " Henry W. Heyberger.*
" " John Reynolds.*
" 18, Frederick H. Hardy.*
" " Guy R. Smeltz.*
" " Charles F. Springman.*
June 15, Guy F. Whiteside.*
Sept. 12, Thomas E. Boettner.*
Oct. 10, Edgar B. Getz.*
" " John F. Myers.*
" 12, Clarence G. Bortzfield.*
" " George H. Hoeltzel.*
" " James H. Werntz.*
Nov. 14, Herald L. Bordner.*
" " Christian E. Charles.*
" " John A. Crawford, *s.*
" " Thomas B. Price, *s.*

1924

Jan. 9, John W. Armstrong.*
" 11, Harry A. Brenaman.*
" " John S. Groff.*
" " Earl Shultz.*
Feb. 13, Horace R. Barnes.*
" " Charles C. Emick, *d.*
" " John H. Widmyer.*
" 15, Carl H. Brill.*
" " Edwin L. Whitson.*
Mar. 12, Charles D. Brehm.*
" " Charles E. Miller.*
" " Roy D. Weaver.*
" 14, Clair B. Diffenbaugh.*
Apr. 11, Clarence C. Hess, *s.*
" " Paul S. Bomberger.*
" " Addison J. Kelley.*
" " Richard L. Major, Jr.*
" " Victor E. Smith.*
May 14, William H. Bookman, *d.*
" " Carl F. Breinig.*
Oct. 13, George F. Cormeny.*
" " Albert E. Einolf.*
" " Wesley P. Robinson.*

1925

Feb. 11, Benjamin C. Brookmyer.*
" " Eugene H. Henry, Jr.*
" " Olin K. Zook.*
" " Lewis K. McElhaney, *a.**
" 13, Paul K. Evans.*
" " George H. C. Hubley.*
" " Roy L. Morton.*
Mar. 11, Rensselaer L. Carton, *w.*
" " Robert H. Fisher.*
" " John A. C. Rudy, *d.*
Apr. 8, John E. Bortzfield.*
" 10, George H. Culp.*
" " Samuel N. Kaihler.*
" " Charles W. Price.*
May 13, Dwight L. Armstrong.*
" " Elias V. Ault.*
" " John L. Kohler.*
" " Charles W. Passmore.*
" 15, Ralph S. Landis.*
" " Cash W. Sanderson.*
June 10, Jacob A. Otthofer.*
" " John A. Otthofer.*
" " Joseph W. Wesley.*
June 15, Jacob E. Shrite.*
" " Theodore R. Leaman.*
Sept. 9, Adolph C. Darmstaetter.*
" " Ellis McClain Duffey, *d.*
Oct. 14, Earl B. Thomas.*
" " Benjamin T. Unkle.*
" " Elwin W. Wails.*
" 16, Richard G. Bisalski.*
" " George B. Wright.*
Nov. 11, Harold A. Krentz.*
" " John A. Taylor.*
" 21, John C. Young.*

1926

Jan. 15, Maurice C. Frontz.*
" " William H. Gebhard.*
" " Alpheus S. Groff.*
Feb. 10, John W. B. Bausman, Jr.*
" " Algerdas N. Chelenden, *w.*
Mar. 10, Frank H. Altdoerffer.*
" " Samuel D. Armen.*
" " Robert F. Groff.*
Apr. 14, Hugh W. Nevin.*
" 16, John E. Mathiot.*
" " Charles Mattern.*
" " Benjamin F. Metzger, Jr.*
" " Joel H. Shertzer.*
" " John C. Thompson.*
May 12, Henry E. Weiand.*
" 14, Chester N. Axe.*
June 9, Roy W. Limbert.*
Sept. 10, Charles D. Gormley, *d.*
" " Frank G. Snyder.*
Oct. 13, George B. Brenner.*
" " Arthur M. Deen.*
" " Charles G. Hesselton.*
" " Frank W. Heyer, Jr., *s.*
" " Henry S. Rutter.*
Nov. 10, Isaac F. Davis.*
" " Freeland Gamble, *d.*
" " Hampton F. Hassler.*
" 12, Harry L. Buckwalter.*

1927

Jan. 14, Mohler M. Bard, *d.*
" " Samuel E. Fraim.*
" " Linwood G. Garvin.*
" " John K. Shenk.*
" " Henry M. Waldbauer.*

Mar. 9, Harry F. Messer.*
Apr. 13, Milton W. Deisley.*
" " Paul F. Doner.*
" " Carl L. Druckenbrod.*
" " Earl B. Landis.*
" " Harry L. McComas.*
May 11, Phares G. Harnly.*
" " Edward G. Sarkisian.*
June 8, William A. Brock.*
" " John H. Snyder.*
" " Herman L. Wienke.*
" 10, John N. Stauffer.*
Sept. 14, Elmer E. Boose, *a.**
" " Paul W. Jenkins.*
" 16, Milton F. Manby.*
Nov. 9, Reily H. Cassel.*
" " Harold J. Frey.*
" " Abram L. Hershey.*
" 11, John S. Graybill, 3d, *d.*
" " Wilford G. Stauffer.*

1928

Jan. 11, Dwight C. Martin, *a.**
" 13, Paul R. Young.*
Feb. 10, Benj. K. Montgomery.*
" " Joseph H. Good.*
" " Charles E. Herzog.*
" " Roy K. Hoober.*
Mar. 16, Charles A. Achey.*
" " David E. Gochnauer.*
" " Lloyd S. Brimmer.*
Apr. 11, David M. Keener.*
" 13, Frederick A. Heim, *d.*
" " Raymond Klump.*
" " John H. Morgan.*
" " Charles Neubold.*
" " William F. Taylor.*
June 13, Edgar L. Long.*
" 15, William P. Axe, *s.*
Sept. 14, William K. Shubrooks.*
Oct. 12, Jacob F. Batterman.*
" " Edward P. Griffitts, *s.*
" " Alfred F. Kerst.*
" " Benjamin F. Nolt.*
Nov. 14, William D. Andes, 2d, *s.*
" " William R. Dry.*
" " Jacob R. Rutter.*
Nov. 14, Clarence E. Shaub.*
" " L. H. C. deFernelmont, *a.**
" 19, David H. Erb.*
" " W. Earl Krouse.*
" " Charles E. Laird.*
Dec. 14, Howard W. Heistand.*
" " William D. Jacobs, Jr.*

1929

Mar. 13, James G. Daggett.*
" 15, Albert C. Fickes, *s.*
" " Edward F. Geiter.*
" " Harry T. Levan.*
" " Paul C. Myers.*
" " Lamont A. Ware.*
Apr. 12, Harry M. Binkle, Jr.*
" " Paul E. Mohr.*
" " Carl S. Swarr.*
May 8, Franklin J. Heckman.*
" 10, Ephraim H. Coble.*
" " Thomas E. Hammer.*
" " Walter P. Haun.*
" " George M. Hosterman.*
June 14, Robert G. Groezinger.*
" 17, G. Raymond Foultz.*
" " John W. Miller.*
" " Conrad H. Norby.*
" " Allen C. Spangler.*
Oct. 11, George W. Adams.*
" " William Groff.*
" " Earl R. Brenner.*
Nov. 15, Roy D. Palmer.*

1930

Feb. 14, Luther B. Duncan.*
" " Luther E. Gaenzle.*
" " Carl G. Lehman.*
" " George B. Stoutenburg.*
Apr. 11, Daniel B. Strickler.*
May 14, Nathan Y. Newcomer.*
June 11, Warren D. Hurst.*
Sept. 10, John G. Sensenig.*
" " Samuel H. Knight.*
Oct. 8, Samuel J. Shubrooks.*
Nov. 12, Earl P. Miller.*
" 14, Roy M. Heistand.*

1931

Jan. 16, Parke H. Behm.*
" " William M. Eckert.*
" " David L. Mowrer.*
Mar. 11, Walter M. Ernst.*
Apr. 8, H. Clair Stauffer.*
May 15, William Wild.*

1932

Jan. 13, Thomas E. Adams.*
Feb. 10, Paul C. Dellinger.*
Mar. 9, Carl M. Groff.*
" 11, Frederick H. Geiter.*
May 11, Clyde L. Smith.*
" 13, Harold W. Reynolds.*
June 10, J. Paul Sheets.*
Oct. 14, Kenneth A. Lipp.*
" " William D. Martz.*

1933

May 10, Christian E. Meleizen.*
Nov. 8, Frederick J. Messer.*
" " John H. Moore.*

1934

Jan. 10, Arthur W. Bassett, *a.**
Mar. 14, Arthur C. Freiberg.*
May 8, Frank R. Hammond.*
June 13, William B. Reifsnyder.*
" " Charles A. Rees, Jr.*
" " Norman B. Neff.*

1935

Jan. 9, Kendig Charles Bare.*
Feb. 13, John Baker Shenk.*
Mar. 13, Christian M. Enck.*
Apr. 10, Richard Adams.*
" " Page M. Schildnecht.*

The following Brethren have been admitted into Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., since the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary, and prior to the printing of this History.

1935

May 8, Henry Walter Hauck.
June 12, C. Abram Snyder.
" " Wm. Rodgers Stockton.
Sept. 11, Abram B. C. Groff.
Oct. 9, Lester Robert Miller.
" " Jacob Gross Nissley, *a.*
Nov. 15, Albert H. Sheaffer, Jr.

1936

Jan. 8, P. Harold Freiberg.
Feb. 12, Raymond D. Buckwalter.
" " William Lloyd Trout.
Mar. 11, James K. Smith.
Apr. 8, Richard H. Darmstaetter.
June 10, David H. Albertson.
" " Howard Charles Bare.
" " Isaac Z. Buckwalter.
" " Leonard C. Mook, Jr.
Sept. 8, John Charles Horn.

The following Brethren have died since the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary, and prior to the printing of this History.

William Y. Haldy.
Everett Sherman Geist.
George Frank Snyder.
Christian M. Enck.
C. Walter Kendig.
Philip Nolty.
Frederick W. Surrell.
Virginius P. Smith.
John R. Kauffman.
John P. McCaskey.
Ashler F. Snyder.
Michael F. Bowers.
George C. Johnson.
James F. Wild.
Fred. A. Wheeler.
Andrew G. Truxell.
Jacob B. Rohrer.
Clarence Frey.
J. Franklin Sweeton.
John M. Newbold.
William A. Brinkman.
Witmer J. Hess.

The following have ceased membership, either by resignation or suspension.

Harry H. Breneman, *s.*
Leon G. Dodge, *s.*
Clair B. Diffenbaugh, *s.*
Samuel G. Elliott, *s.*
George H. C. Hubley, *s.*
John F. Pyfer, *s.*
J. Raymond Richardson, *s.*
James B. Stauffer, *s.*
Victor E. Smith, *s.*
John Z. Sensenig, *s.*
John O. Wohlsen, *s.*
Clarence L. Wohlsen, *s.*
Walter W. Posey, *w.*